

PSS Goes to Rota

Rota hosts a Public School System Mental Health proclamation signing and Sagan Amot ribbon unveiling.



CNMI Board of Education chair Andrew L. Orsini and vice chair Herman Atalig, who is the BOE elected representative of Rota, greet the municipality's chief executive, Mayor Efraim Atalig. PSS



Aubry Hocog, special assistant for programs and grants at the Rota Mayor's Office, expresses appreciation for everyone's support in the hosting of Mental Health Proclamation and unveiling of the "Sagan Amot Chamorro" medicinal garden. PSS



BOE vice chair Herman Atalig and chair Andrew L. Orsini jointly signed the proclamation. In this photo, Atalig is about to sign the proclamation with Orsini, Rota Mayor Atalig and Education Commissioner Dr. Ada, among others. PSS



BOE chair Andrew L. Orsini signs the proclamation with vice chair Herman Atalig, Mayor Efraim Atalig, Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada, and Rota's education leaders. PSS



Sinapalo Elementary School principal Daisy Quitugua, left, and Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr. Sr. High School vice principal Annette Calvo, right, exchange ideas as Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred B. Ada listens. PSS



Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services Eric Magofna, Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada, Board of Education vice chair Herman Atalig, Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr. Sr. High School principal D. Tanya King, and BOE chair Andrew Orsini join residents following the ceremony.



Following the proclamation signing was the unveiling and ribbon cutting of Sagan Amot, touted to be the first-of-its kind public medicinal garden in the CNMI. It is located at the foot of the Sabana mountain range in Sinapalo. This is a project of the Rota municipality led by Mayor Efraim Atalig. Leading the unveiling were Atalig, Rep. Donald Manglona, and several island leaders. PSS

Board of Education vice chair Herman Atalig and Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr. Sr. High School principal D. Tanya King join a Rota educator. PSS



Rota's famous suruhana, Lourdes Manglona. PSS



Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred B. Ada highlights the importance of mental well-being in student growth, learning, and development.



Rota students Katrina Tacud from Sinapalo Elementary School and Roy Joe San Nicolas from Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr. Sr. High School read the proclamation. PSS



Board of Education chair Andrew Orsini emphasizes the partnership between the school district and the Rota municipality, adding that it is one "major component to the success of the school district's many initiatives." PSS



Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig delivers welcoming remarks, expressing his people's gratitude to the Public School System for continually investing in various programs and initiatives, including the mental wellbeing of all stakeholders of public education. PSS



Rota Municipal Council chair Jim Michael Atalig. PSS



Herman Atalig, BOE vice chair and Rota's elected BOE member, expresses appreciation to both PSS and Rota leadership for investing in the education of children of Rota. He is credited for Rota's successes in public education through investments and resources. PSS



Dr. Yvonne R. Pangelinan, Student Support Services and Mental Health Program director, recognizes that mental health is essential to having a healthy community. of Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred B. Ada stands behind her. PSS

'Winzy breached its contract'

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC shot back at a contractor that is accusing it of not paying for services rendered, saying that Winzy Corp. did not uphold its end of the contract with IPI, so the court's entry of default judgment in favor of Winzy Corp. should be vacated.

In his support of IPI's motion to vacate the entry of default in favor of Winzy Corp., IPI chief engineer Eric Poon cited an alleged instance where Winzy did not do its job as required by its contract. In documents filed last Tuesday, Poon recounted a Feb. 18, 2020, contract between IPI and Winzy Corp., where Winzy Corp. was to provide supervision and consultation to a fire protection system project for IPI's "Resort Hotel" project, which had a working end date of Sept. 15, 2020. Winzy Corp. agreed to conduct testing, consult on the installation, do the final completion commissioning, and aid IPI in acquiring fire-safety certifications for the resort hotel. Win-

zy also agreed to conduct field inspection and testing with the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services at later dates, which are further requirements in acquiring a fire permit for the resort hotel.

According to email records from IPI construction engineer Roger Deducin, Winzy Corp. conducted one site visit on May 27, 2020, and allegedly did not visit the site again after that. "To the best of my personal knowledge, the work done on the project was short of full completion and certification," Poon said.

The court filing, as submitted by IPI lawyer Juan T. Lizama, claims that Winzy Corp. did not perform "under the terms of the agreement in good faith, and in a good and workmanlike manner."

Winzy Corp., which is represented by attorney Mark Scoggins, is suing IPI for allegedly not paying for supervision and consulting services for the casino project back in 2020. IPI allegedly owes \$162,925. (Joshua Santos)

May is CNMI Drug Court Month

By JOSHUA SANTOS
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REPORTER

May has been declared CNMI Drug Court Month to highlight the CNMI Drug Court system, which shifts the focus from putting people in prison for drug offenses to rehabilitating them and giving them professional help.

In a proclamation signing yesterday at the CNMI Drug Court offices in the Karidot Center in Chalan Kanoa, two people whose lives were changed by the Drug Court's rehabilitation program shared updates on their lives since becoming sober and receiving help from the Drug Court. The two also spoke about how they remain involved with the CNMI Drug Court's programs and are connected to people who are still participating in the programs.

"The Drug Court is a treatment court. We shift our focus from the traditional criminal justice system where we incarcerate people and punish them. These are people, individuals who have underlying

reasons, in this case drug addiction, why they commit crimes. ... Throwing them in prison is not going to fix that—we need to arrest the addiction, not the person," said Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, who handles the CNMI Drug Court Program.

Besides Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who signed the official proclamation document, the signing ceremony was also attended by first lady Diann Torres, Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), House Speaker Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alejandro Castro, and associate justices John Manglona and Perry Inos.

This year's CNMI Drug Court Month will feature a KKMP radio show, a softball game, Family Fun Day, orientation for families with loved ones in the Drug Court and/or battling addiction, and a Walk for Recovery on May 27.

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The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program continues to be open to accept applications for Front liners. Front liners are defined as:

- Front liners/workers assigned to working on Covid-19 activities with direct contact of individuals for example: workers at testing sites, workers at quarantine sites, law enforcement assisting at testing sites;
- Law enforcement, public safety officers, CNMI Homeland Security employees, emergency medical services working on Covid-19 activities with direct contact of individuals, including all individuals who work and provide medical services at the hospital or private clinics;
- Retail cashiers, gas attendants, sanitation workers, bank tellers;
- Child care teachers, caregivers, including employees in the educational sector.

Front liners who may not necessarily meet income guidelines for the family may still qualify. For more information regarding eligibility requirements, please call Genevieve Guerrero, CCDF Eligibility Specialist at 664-2576 or email at dcca.jguerrero@gmail.com or Joella Rosario, CCDF Eligibility Specialist at 664-2575 or email at ccdf.jrosario@gmail.com. You may also want to visit cnmicclp.gov.mp to download the CCDF Waitlist Application Packet.

/s/ Maribel D. Loste
CCDF Administrator

/s/ Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero
DCCA Secretary

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\$3,274,353 in fiscal year 2019.

In the government's corrective action plan, the CNMI said the audit findings of Deloitte & Touche LLC highlight an area that was unintentionally overlooked—that of monitoring liquidation compliance.

With current financial and audit staff on board the CNMI

Public Assistance Office, the CNMI said that monitoring guidelines addressing liquidation regulations will be prioritized and incorporated into administrative and program monitoring for immediate assessment and action.

This was some of the findings in Deloitte's audit of the CNMI government's financial statements as of and for the year ending Sept. 30, 2019. It was the Office of the Public

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started tracking it more than a century ago.

Births have been declining in younger women for years, as many postponed motherhood and had smaller families.

Birth rates for women in their late 30s and in their 40s have been inching up. But not last year.

"The fact that you saw declines in births even for older moms is quite striking," said Brady Hamilton, of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the lead author of the new report.

The CDC report is based on a review of more than 99% of birth certificates issued last year. The findings echo a recent Associated Press analysis of 2020 data from 25 states showing that births had fallen during the coronavirus outbreak.

The pandemic no doubt contributed to last year's big decline, experts say. Anxiety about COVID-19 and its impact on the economy likely caused many couples to think that having a baby right then was a bad idea.

But many of the 2020 pregnancies began well before the

U.S. epidemic. CDC researchers are working on a follow-up report to better parse out how the decline unfolded, Hamilton said.

Other highlights from the CDC report:

- About 3.6 million babies were born in the U.S. last year, down from about 3.75 million in 2019. When births were booming in 2007, the U.S. recorded 4.3 million births.

- The U.S. birth rate dropped to about 56 births per 1,000 women of child-bearing age, the lowest rate on record. The rate is half of what it was in the early 1960s.

- The birth rate for 15- to 19-year-olds dropped 8% from 2019. It's fallen almost every year since 1991.

- Birth rates fell 8% for Asian American women; 3% for Hispanic women; 4% for Black and white women; and 6% for moms who were American Indians or Alaska Natives.

- The cesarean delivery rate rose, slightly, to about 32%. It had generally been declining since 2009.

- Some good news: The percentage of infants born small and premature—at less than 37 weeks of gestation—fell slightly, to 10%, after rising five years in a row.

Auditor that hired Deloitte to perform the audit.

In its report dated April 21, 2021, submitted to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Deloitte found several deficiencies in the CNMI's internal control and compliance over financial reporting and major federal programs for the year ending Sept. 30, 2019.

One of the deficiencies that Deloitte consider to be material weaknesses pertains to the performance requirements process involving U.S. DHS disaster grants-public assistance (Presidentially declared disasters).

The auditor said that, in accordance with applicable period of performance requirements, a non-federal entity shall liquidate all obligations incurred under the award no later than 90 days after the end of the funding period. Further, Deloitte said, time extensions should be approved by

the grantor.

Of three nonpayroll expenditures tested, totaling \$3,274,353, of a total population of \$18,495,365, the liquidation occurred after the 90-day liquidation end date, Deloitte said. The auditor said grant extension documentation was not provided.

One business unit's questioned cost was \$44,100, the second was \$2,370,255, and the third was \$859,998, for a total questioned costs of \$3,274,352.

Deloitte said the CNMI did not effectively monitor compliance with applicable period of performance requirements and that questioned costs of \$3,274,353 exist.

The auditor recommends that responsible personnel should monitor check payments so that liquidations occur timely.

Deloitte said grantor approval should be sought if ex-

tensions are needed.

In the government's response, the governor's authorized representative Virginia C. Villagomez said the CNMI made an effort to request a blanket grant of time extension, covering such remaining open projects. However, Villagomez said, the time extension request was submitted after the period of performance end date because the Public Assistance Office was still performing category A and B (debris and emergency) work until late 2019.

In its response, U.S. DHS acknowledged the CNMI's challenges in completing the projects but only specific projects were approved for extensions, Villagomez said.

Villagomez said that effective immediately, the CNMI Public Assistance Office will include the liquidation regulations as a critical component of subrecipient monitoring

processes alongside closeout reporting regulations.

She said the CNMI Public Assistance Office has monitored the completion of project work and deliverables within approved periods of performance. She said all CNMI Public Assistance projects will be examined to determine compliance with liquidation regulations by May 2021.

Villagomez said the Public Assistance Office's immediate attention will be directed to correct any oversight in meeting liquidation of obligations requirements.

She said through the review, monitoring, and communication with CNMI Public Assistance projects, request(s) to Federal Emergency Management Office will be submitted for any projects that may need extensions to the period of performance end date, the closeout reporting, and liquidation deadline.

everyone's understanding and patience as we continue to see what the next best step for the CNMI is," said Muña.

COVID-19 in Guam

The Joint Information Center on Guam announced that Guam's 139th COVID-19-related fatality happened at the Guam Memorial Hospital at approximately 7:08pm last Tuesday. A 70-year-old male patient with underlying health conditions was admitted to GMH on Tuesday and tested positive upon admission.

Also, four new cases of COVID-19 were identified out of 324 tests performed last Wednesday.

To date, there have been a total of 8,020 COVID-19 cases in Guam, with 139 deaths, 98 cases in active isolation, and 7,783 not in active isolation.

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Until the CNMI has a high number of vaccinated individuals, then the CNMI can slowly and surely get to the point where it could be okay to not use a mask, Muña said. "[We're] slowly and surely getting to the point where we can say that 'we're safe now,' but we're not there yet," she said.

"Please continue to wear your mask. If you're not sure, put on your mask in any closed setting. Right now, we are not at herd immunity. ... These protocols [and] guidelines that have been issued are all because of the progress we made in the past year," she said.

Herd immunity is when a large number of people in

a community is vaccinated enough to provide indirect protection for the unvaccinated ones. The number varies among different infectious diseases but the typical target is between 50% and 90%, depending on how infectious a disease is. There is no fixed number yet for COVID-19 as it is a new kind of disease.

As of May 2, 2021, the CNMI has fully vaccinated 18,859 persons, representing approximately 50% of the eligible population.

Muña again asked for everyone's patience and understanding as CHCC, the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, and the administration continue to monitor the guidelines being issued by CDC. Muña said that when CHCC and the task force share guidance from CDC, it's "based on science and risk."

not less than \$25 but no more than \$5,000.

Unfortunately, there has been no stringent or consistent enforcement of the law, which the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance points out as "necessary to send a firm message that these acts will not be tolerated." The lack of strict enforcement of the law enables people to repeatedly commit violations, because they are not held accountable and backs the pervasive mindset that "somebody else will pick it up for me."

Moving forward, let's join efforts to accomplish the following: create more awareness and educational campaigns for our residents; empower more students to help lead the conversations in our homes and community about proper waste disposal and environmental care; and insist on Marianas-wide vigilance in reporting and citing littering violators. These are all critical steps in addressing the root cause of our gar-

**NORTHERN MARIANAS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
at NMTI, Lower Base
May 12, 2021 – 2:00pm

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order (Establishment of a quorum)
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Adoption of Minutes (April 9, 2021) (March 22, 2021) (March 20, 2021)
- IV. Public Comments
- V. Executive Session
- VI. CEO Report
 - a. Update on SAM registration
 - b. Grant update
- VII. Treasurer's Report
- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - a. CW Funds from 2019, 2020
 - b. Contracts for Staffing
 - c. HR status update from Interim CEO Attao
- IX. New Business
 - a. CW Funding Expenditure Plan for 2022
 - b. Financial Assistance for 2021
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment

NOTE: Copies of this notice and agenda have been posted at the Administration Building Entrance Hall, the House of Representatives Entrance Hall and the Senate Entrance Hall. Written comments on the agenda may be submitted to the Northern Marianas Technical Institute or emailed to: cnmtechnicalinstitute@gmail.com on or before the meeting date. Oral testimony may be presented during the meeting in Public Comments.

Karidat website now managed in-house

Karidat Social Services now does its own website maintenance, thanks to the help of another nonprofit organization that teaches other nonprofits how to design and maintain their own websites.

Since April, Karidat's website management has been done in-house, thanks to the efforts of Delta Airlines to link them with 48in48, a nonprofit group whose main purpose is to help 48 nonprofit organizations design and put up their own websites. That led to a Karidat staff member being given the opportunity to learn how to develop, launch, and maintain Karidat's website through educational sessions hosted by 48in48. Delta Airlines is one of 48in48's many corporate sponsors.

"We're just grateful that we were on [Delta's] radar; we just grab these opportunities as they come about. [A solid Web presence] is something we have to continue to develop because we have to be out there and update the website in real-time to show what we're doing," said Karidat executive director Lauri Ogunoro.

'Budget hearings already started'

The House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means chaired by Rep. Donald Manglona (Ind-Rota) has already started doing public hearings on the fiscal year 2022 budget, according to House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan).

In an interview last Tuesday, Villagomez said the committee will be hitting Rota toward the end of the week to meet with Mayor Efraim Atalig and the island's leadership. It was learned that the budget hearing pushed through yesterday morning at the Rota Mayor's Office conference room.

Villagomez said the committee will be doing the budget hearing on Tinian the following week.

The House Committee on Health and Welfare chaired by Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) also set a public hearing yesterday at the Antonio C. Atalig Library conference hall on Rota.

After Rota and Tinian, Villagomez said the Ways and Means Committee will then continue the budget hearings on Saipan.

"If I'm not mistaken, they're waiting [from the Torres-Palacios administration] for I think a revised version [of the budget request] by end of June or July and then they will work on it," he added.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' proposed budget for next fiscal year identifies a gross budget of \$144.84 million, with only over \$98 million left for appropriation. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

ONLINE

www.karidat.com

Prior to the opportunity offered by Delta, Karidat had to reach out to Diocese of Chalan Kanoa's website administrator any time they needed to make changes to their website. Now, with a staff member serving as an acting website administrator in addition to the other work they do for Karidat, improvements to the website can happen much sooner.

"[The virtual training] was a great opportunity for us because we're now able to do

things electronically; we have documents and our volunteer opportunities on [the website]. We recently just had a job opening, and we posted it on the website," said the staff member, who asked not to be named.

Ogunoro expressed her gratitude to the staff member for adding on to their many existing responsibilities at Karidat just because they wanted to further help the organization. Ogunoro also said that she showed Karidat's board members the new website.

Karidat's website is www.karidat.com. (*Joshua Santos*)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its regular board meeting on **Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. The following agenda will be considered and public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

- I. Preliminary Matters
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. February 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
 - 2. March 4, 2021 Special Board Meeting
 - E. Correspondence
- II. Management Reports
 - A. Executive Director's Report
 - B. Chief Financial Officer's Report
- III. Committee Reports
- IV. Old Business - Updates
 - A. Power Plant, DE5 and DE7
 - B. CHCC Billing/Payment
- V. New Business
 - A. Chief Financial Officer's Employment Contract
- VI. Public Comments**
- VII. Executive Session***
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment

/s/ MIRANDA V. MANGLONA, Chairwoman

* In accordance with Public Law 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above listing only by a recorded vote of the majority members of the governing body.
** All interested persons are welcome to attend, and submit written and oral testimony on the above-agenda items. Public Comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes.
*** Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, the CUC Board of Directors may vote to meet at any time in executive session, in consultation with the Legal Counsel on matters deemed privileged and confidential.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID ITB NO.: DPW21-ITB-024 FHWA PROJECT NO. TQ-THS-0202 (301)

SUBMISSION DATE: May 25, 2021 TIME: 10:00 A.M

"Route 202, Hazard Elimination Project, Tinian"

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAIC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The project package will be available on or after **April 23, 2021** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **May 11, 2021**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the **Tinian Mayor Office, Tinian**. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **May 18, 2021** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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/S/ JAMES A. ADA
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/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Executive Director or his/her designee. This individual will utilize their skills in writing, editing, social media and corporate communication to enhance and improve as well as advance CUC's communication to the public and media. The ideal candidate will insist on the highest standards, understanding of the corporation's values, dive deep into details, has a strong bias for action and sense of ownership, extract information to find commonalities between projects, and be able to multitask on various projects. This individual will keep their composure in fast-moving situations, be able to quickly get up to speed on complex issues, that involve the consumers, employees, and from time to time how matters relate from a government perspective. The role would suit a detail-orientated people person with a passion for storytelling and writing.

Duties:

There are three (3) areas of responsibilities this individual will have to be responsible for and they are as follows:

• Corporate Communications

- Provides high-quality writing, formatting, and proofing support of a variety of content.
- Prepares press releases and public advisories and collaborates closely with the PIO and the Executive Director prior to sharing the information with parties involved.
- Coordinates meetings and corporate email communications relating to public information sharing and/or media publications to include social media.
- Assists with the coordination and communication of internal and external events as needed.
- Maintains and promotes communications by corporate standards, processes, and policies internally.
- Monitors and tracks project deliverables and deadlines.
- Responsible for compiling and formalizing reports for the corporation under the direction of the Executive Director of his/her designee.

• Employee Relations Communication

- Craft and execute strategic internal communication plans for new programs, policies, procedures and changes.
- Manage and support crisis communications.
- Improve processes with new ideas and tools that are shared to all divisions within the Corporation.

• Social Media Initiatives

- Grow and maintain our social presence through active social listening and consistent brand messaging.
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Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Communications, Journalism, Public Relations, Digital Media, Marketing or related field.
- A minimum of 3+ years' experience working in a corporate communications position.
- 2+ years of social media experience and a demonstrated track record of success.
- Must have excellent writing and editing skills with the ability to communicate clearly and effectively with internal and external clients.
- Excellent time-management and organizational skills with strong attention to detail.
- Possess a strong understanding of effective business communications techniques.
- Proficient in implementing internal communications technologies and strategies.
- Experience working within cross-functional teams.
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- Occasionally required to lift and/or move up to 10 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds.

Minimum Requirements:

Education: Bachelor Degree Journalism, Public Administration or related field and 4 years of related public information experience. Proficiency in multiple languages (such as legally recognized language in the CNMI: English, Chamorro and Carolinian) is a plus.

Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth State and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Public relations principles and techniques; Communication methods; Media relations principles, Customer relations principles; Modern Office Technology.

Skills in: Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, codes, rules, regulations and standards; serving as a public information liaison and representative to the community; Planning, coordinating and disseminating public information; Determining information needs and promoting and educating the public; Preparing news releases, communications content, articles and collateral materials; Listening and responding to inquiries and effectively conveying information; Utilizing critical thinking and social perception to identify issues; Researching and preparing recommendations and responses; Designing and implementing programs and events; Measuring effectiveness of program delivery for future enhancements; Gathering and maintaining communication materials and information; utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

▪ Licensing:

- Valid CNMI Driver's License with appropriate class.

All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.

How to Apply: Submit a completed CUC Employment Application, resume, and applicable supporting documents to the CUC Human Resources office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan, Monday through Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm (Except Legal Holidays). Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota may submit their documents to their respective CUC Administration office. Application, resume and supporting documents can also be e-mailed to: employment.applications@cucgov.org.

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186K apply for Restaurant Revitalization Fund

Just two days after the Small Business Administration opened the application for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, it has already received more than 186,000 applications from restaurants and other food and beverage businesses in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and all five U.S. territories, according to an SBA press release yesterday (May 5, 2021) in Washington, D.C.).

SBA opened the online application portal for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund last May 3, 2021. In the first

two days of the RRF application window, the SBA has received:

- 186,200 applications from restaurants, bars, and other eligible businesses in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and five U.S. territories.

- 97,600 applications of which came from restaurants, bars, and other eligible businesses owned and controlled by women (46,400), veterans (4,200), socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (30,800), or some combination of the three (16,200).

- 61,700 applications

from businesses with under \$500,000 in annual pre-pandemic revenue, representing some of the smallest restaurants and bars in America.

"Our nation's restaurants have been among the first and worst hit by this pandemic, which is why we've been working as fast as possible to meet businesses where they are and get this much-needed relief into their hands," said SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman.

The \$28.6-billion program, signed into law by President Joe Biden as part of the American Rescue Plan, provides economic aid to restaurants and other establishments

struggling to make ends meet as a result of the pandemic.

In the weeks leading up to the opening of this program, the SBA engaged with hundreds of thousands of entrepreneurs—in hundreds of webinars and events held in multiple languages—to make sure they were ready to apply. Further, to support demand for this funding opportunity, the SBA expanded the RRF ecosystem to include point-of-sale vendors, providing more ways for eligible restaurants to take advantage of the program.

As outlined by U.S. Congress, restaurants and bars are eligible for economic aid

equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss, with a cap of \$10 million per business and \$5 million per location. The funds are available for certain eligible uses, like payroll and rent.

While all qualified businesses are allowed to apply, under the law, the SBA will prioritize RRF applications from small business concerns owned and controlled by women, veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the first 21 days of the program. Following the 21-day period, all eligible applications will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis.

To further ensure the equitable distribution of relief, \$9.5 billion in set-asides have been established for the smallest restaurants and bars—including millions of dollars for restaurants, bars, and food trucks with under \$50,000 in revenue.

Approved applicants should expect an average of 14 days for processing, review, approval and funds distribution. Those interested in applying to the program should visit sba.gov/restaurants for sample application, program guide, and more. The application window will remain open until RRF funds have been fully exhausted. (PR)

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB21-DOF/ITS-094 (A/B)**

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 04, 2021 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

**(A) PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CLASS "F" PICK-UP TRUCK-4WD/FOUR (4) FULL DOOR
(B) PURCHASE OF TWO (2) CLASS "J" VAN (7 PASSENGER CAPACITY FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES"**

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ DAVID DLG. ATALIG
SECRETARY OF FINANCE

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB21-OGM-088**

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 04, 2021 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

**"LEASE OF ONE (1) CLASS "I" SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE-4WD THE OFFICE
OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT & STATE CLEARINGHOUSE"**

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*FOR YOUR SAFETY & OURS: ALL INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS ARE REQUIRED TO USE A FACE MASK & ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER UPON ENTRY**

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ITB CAN BE MADE TO MR. EPIPHANIO CABRERA, ADMINISTRATOR OF OGM, VIA EMAIL TO ep.cabrera@gov.mp NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 17, 2021. ALL QUESTIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THE GIVEN DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED. QUESTIONS SUBMITTED/ANSWERS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL BIDDERS.

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/S/ EPIPHANIO E. CABRERA, JR.
ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF GRANTS

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB21-ZB-093**

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 04, 2021 TIME: 09:30 A.M.

**"36 MONTHS LEASE FOR ONE MULTIFUNCTION OFFICE PRINTER
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH ZONING BOARD OFFICE"**

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/S/ GERALYN C. DELACRUZ
ADMINISTRATOR, CNMI ZONING BOARD

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

NEW WAVE DENTAL

Is looking to hire one (1) employee to work as

Dental Assistant
New (Full-Time)

- Minimum 12 months clinical experience, Must be able to assist dentist, know sterilization, set-up instruments, take radiographs.
- Familiar in dental terminologies and CDT Code.

All interested applicants can apply via email by sending his/her resume to Dr. Michael Hall at email address newwavedentalsaipan@hotmail.com, interested applicant may also submit his/her resume or CV at the office located in Microbeach Road, Garapan Saipan from Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday during office hours from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, interested applicant may also call Dr. Michael Hall at telephone number (670) 233-3300 during office hours from Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: RFP21-GOV-081**

SUBMISSION DATE: MAY 10, 2021 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

**"Lease Building or Office Space
for the CNMI Recovery and Infrastructure Program"**

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/S/ PATRICK C. GUERRERO
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICER

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
MVA-RFP-21-2026**

For: Marianas Visitors Authority Local Public Relations and Media Services
Submission /Closing Date: June 11, 2021 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority
Attn: Procurement Office
San Jose Professional Building
Beach Rd., San Jose
P.O. Box 500861, Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the Scope of Work on or after May 07, 2021 at the Marianas Visitors Authority Office, San Jose Professional Building, Beach Road, San Jose, Saipan, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Proposals submitted from individuals outside the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI) must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or certified Courier mail service on or before June 11, 2021 and must be received within seven (7) working days of that date. Proposers from outside the CNMI must notify the MVA Procurement Officer Ms. Lenette Maratita in writing of their intent to submit in order to receive the additional seven (7) days for the receipt of the actual Proposal Documents. This notice of intent may be submitted by any mode of written communication including facsimile to +1-670-664-3237 or emailed to Imaratita@mymarianas.com and must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., Chamorro Standard Time on June 11, 2021.

/S/ Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

/S/ Priscilla M. Iakopo
Managing Director, MVA

DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
As of May 7, 2021

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Saipan Crewboats Inc.	04/16/2021 SPLm-2021-026	Drydock	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 04/21/2021
2. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	03/11/2021 SPLm-2021-027	Power Plant 1 & 2 Drainage Improvements	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 04/28/2021
3. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	05/04/2021 SWm-2021-028	Archaeological Investigation for Chalan Galaide Waterline Replacement Project	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Under Review*
4. Office of the Mayor, Municipality of Tinian & Aguijan	05/03/2021 TSm-2021-002	Picnic Table Huts	Tachungna, Tinian	Shoreline	Under Review*

NMIC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION (NMHC)

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING DATE: May 06, 2021 CLOSING DATE: May 24, 2021 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

NMHC JVA NO.	Positions:	Salary:
2021-022	2-Staff Engineer Civil/Structural	\$70,000-\$100,000.00 per annum - Ungraded

Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be accessed at www.nmhgov.net.

Applicants may submit their applications through the following options: Submission at the at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; or at the Drop Box located in front of the NMHC Central Office building; or email application and documents to officemanager@nmhgov.net.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6866/9447 or by email to officemanager@nmhgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/S/
JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

Regal reopens May 21

Mount Carmel School is bringing movies back to Saipan with its next film, *Zero2Hero*, which will have its premiere screenings at Regal Saipan Megaplex (formerly Hollywood Theaters) on May 21.

The movie is part of the MCS Theatre Club's ongoing celebration of its 25th anniversary and is a sequel to the cult classic, *Zero to Hero*, which was released 10 years ago. *Zero2Hero* stars Jill Mallari and Aleia Santos as Re'ha and Roze, two school rivals who are mentored by their older cousins, Richard and Zero, played by the two stars of the first film, Kevin Bautista and Victor Cabrera. The movie is directed by Jedric Villar and was written by school president and the director of the first movie, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, along with Theatre Club

» MCS to premiere *Zero2Hero*

alumnus Justin Ocampo.

As a lead up to the premiere, on Friday, May 14—one week before the premiere of *Zero2Hero*—the MCS Theatre Club will release, for the first time, the first film, 2010's *Zero to Hero*, for free on the school's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/c/MountCarmelSchool.

When tickets go on sale, to comply with COVID-19 Mitigation Guidelines, tickets will be limited and available only on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding for this production is provided by the CNMI CARES Relief Fund for Organizations and supported by the National Endowment for the Arts through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020. For more information, visit www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. (PR)

IPI wants to reduce amount owed in discrimination suit

By JOSHUA SANTOS
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REPORTER

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC has asked the court to limit the amount of legal fees and costs a former IPI employee is entitled to as a reward in his racial discrimination case against IPI.

In court documents filed at the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Tuesday, IPI lawyer Stephen J. Nutting asked the court to not include the legal fees and costs incurred prior to Joshua Gray's legal team requesting IPI to provide relevant documents.

"While [Gray] may be entitled to an award of attorney's fees and cost directly related to bringing on its motion for discovery sanctions, it is not entitled to costs

and other attorney's fees incurred prior to bringing the motion." Nutting cited legal precedent that, while legal preparation to file a motion to request documents from a party is related to the events leading up to the motion being filed, legal fees and costs incurred while preparing are not part of the fees and costs incurred in actually filing the motion.

In April, U.S. District Court Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered an entry of default against IPI after the company failed to comply with a discovery sanction related to the case. As a result of not being able to provide relevant documents by the March 18 deadline, IPI was ordered to concede the case and compensate Gray.

Last day of MCS Early Bird Special

Today, May 7, 2021, is the last day to avail of Mount Carmel School's Early Bird Special, an opportunity for parents to avail themselves of major registration and tuition discounts for the upcoming school year.

The early bird registration discount is as follows: For grades K4 - K5 registration is \$50 per student (normally \$100). For students in grades first through twelfth, the registration fee is \$100 per student (normally \$400).

Families with two children can avail of a \$600 tuition discount for the second child, families with three children can avail of a \$1,000 tuition discount for the third child, and families with four children can avail of a \$1,500 tuition dis-



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Janice E. Castro
Director, DCRM

NOTICE TO ALL MARINE SPORTS OPERATORS ON SAIPAN, TINIAN & ROTA

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) recognizes the economic hardship that CNMI marine sports operators have experienced, and continue to experience, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NMIA § 15-10-205(h)(4) requires all commercial marine sports permits to expire on May 30th each year. To assist the marine sports community during these challenging times, the renewal fee for commercial marine sports operators whose permit(s) were renewed last year and are set to expire on May 30, 2021, shall be waived. To avail of a permit fee waiver, all currently permitted marine sports operators on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota must submit a complete application package to DCRM on or before May 30, 2021.

Marine sports operations that did not renew their permit last year are not eligible for a fee waiver. For more information, contact DCRM at 664-8300.

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO
DCRM Director

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Attorney for Plaintiff, MPLT

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,

Civil Action No. 16-0222

Plaintiff,

vs.

GEORGE R. RABAULIMAN,
Defendant,

NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property entered in the above titled action on March 26, 2021, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust from George R. Rabauliman, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on June 24, 2021, at 10:00 A.M., at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room in Capital Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot/Tract No. 011 G 413, containing an area of 858 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 07, the original of which was recorded December 16, 1993 as Document No. 93-4415 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, CNMI.

Terms and Conditions of Sale

1. **Public Sale:** The auction shall be open to the general public.

2. **With Reserve:** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

3. **Rights and duties of Auctioneer:** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

- To withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or bid for such property is accepted;
- To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
- To reject any and all bids.

4. **Bids:** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Email: rttaw@pticomm.com and rttaw@gmail.com.

5. **Deposit and Payment:** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the property, which will revert to the Marianas Public Land Trust.

6. **Change of Terms:** Auctioneer and the Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.

7. **Inspection and No Warranty:** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 08th day of April 2021.

/s/
ROBERT T. TORRES, F0197
Auctioneer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-21-022

Installation of Primary Screen

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Installation of Primary Screen in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The intent of the contract is for the Contractor to provide all labor, equipment, supplies and materials necessary to complete the scope of work which consists of: the installation of a primary screen (OFC), foundations, sewer piping, sewer valves and valve box, water service, electrical service, water booster pump, basket strainers, and rehabilitation and modification of existing improvements, along with other miscellaneous features, for one unit at Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The work shall be completed with minimal disruption to the daily operation of the Sadog Tasi WWTP. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded through Saipan Local Law 20-19.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **April 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-21-022, Installation of Primary Screen" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2021**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.

A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). **Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.**

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on April 27, 2021** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Western Knudsen, CUC Water/Wastewater Engineer via email western.knudsen@cucgov.org and to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Senior Administrative Technician - marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAM
Purchasing Officer

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Colleges, universities should require full vaccination for fall

Last week, Washington State University became the first big public school in the state to announce it will require students, faculty and staff to be vaccinated against COVID-19, though with exceptions. The state's other universities should follow suit to ensure campuses are credibly safe.

At WSU, everyone should get the vaccine by the fall. The school will allow exemptions for medical need, religious belief or personal conviction. That last category means someone needs only to say, "I don't want to get a shot." While the policy is not a mandate but more of a strong suggestion, it is still a necessary step in the right direction.

Disappointingly, the University of Washington's Monday announcement of autumn vaccine requirements for students on all three of its campuses did not go far enough. School faculty and staff should be included in any vaccine requirement, as WSU did. Students are far from the only population at risk.

The state's other public universities—The Evergreen State College, Eastern Washington University, Western Washington University and Central Washington University—need to step up. Their internal conversations about fall planning should settle quickly and conclusively on vaccine mandates for entire campus communities. Students and their families deserve clarity.

More than 200 million people in America have now received at least one dose of the federally authorized vaccines. Their safety and necessity to stem this epidemic are known quantities. Institutions of higher learning ought to lead by example by embracing science. Yet among all Washington universities, only WSU and tiny for-profit schools DigiPen Institute of Technology and Seattle Film Institute have required everyone on campus to get the jab, according to nationwide tracking by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Pacific Lutheran University, Whitman College and Seattle University beat UW to the punch in requiring fall student vaccination, though with medical and religious exemptions. Ideally, there should be no room for personal exemptions.

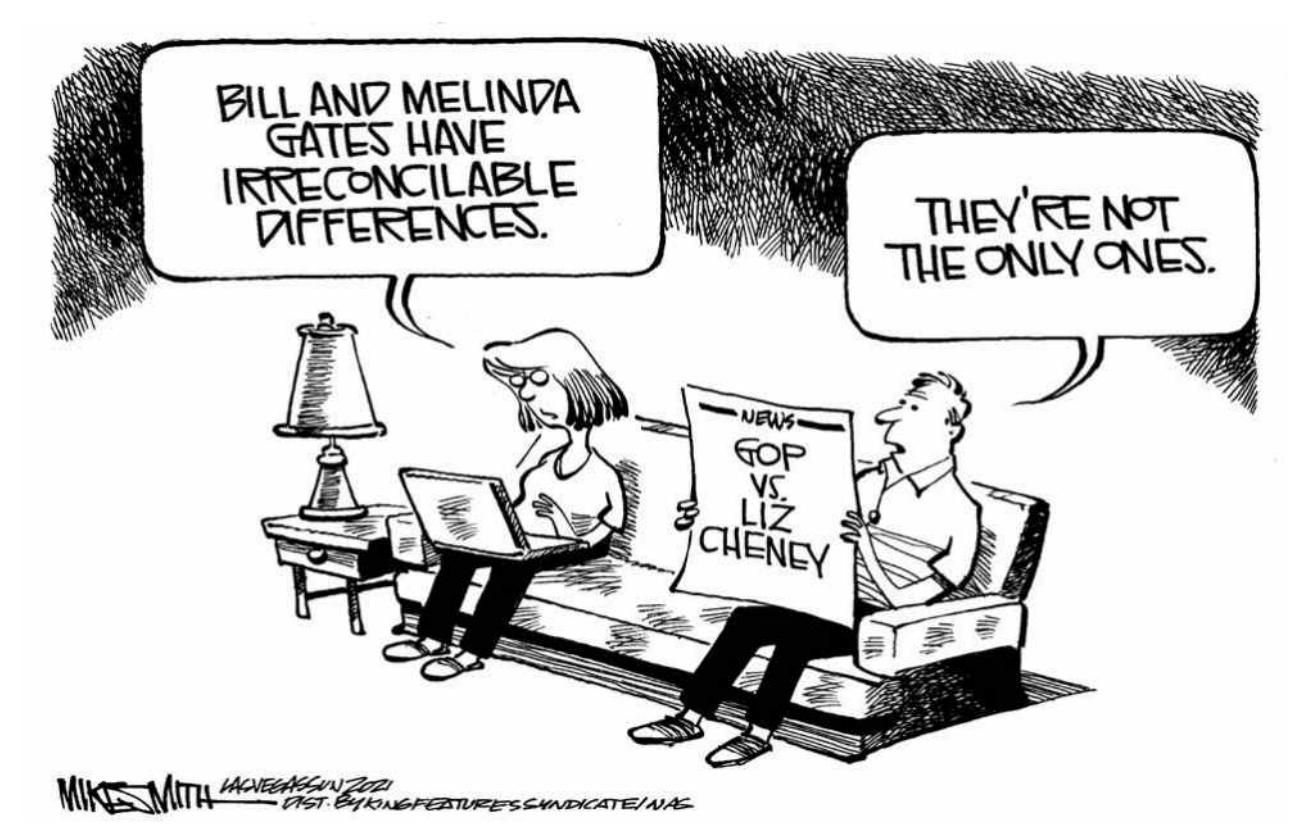
University campuses are places where a virus can spread quickly. Because young people are less likely to manifest symptoms, they can infect those around them without ever knowing.

UW has seen multiple surges in COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began. Classrooms, libraries and cafeterias all put people in close proximity. Fraternities and sororities have been particularly hard hit by outbreaks, in part because they have flouted the rules and held parties despite the risk.

There are complicated issues wrapped up in whether and how to require vaccinations, especially for businesses and public events. Businesses that might bar unvaccinated customers or workers risk losing business and talented workers. Owners will have to weigh the pros and cons.

Colleges and universities face a much easier calculation. All of them, public or private, have the ability and the duty to protect the entire campus community by mandating COVID-19 vaccines in the fall.

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Rudy Giuliani's outrage is the refuge of a scoundrel

It was entirely predictable that Rudy Giuliani would react to the FBI search of his office and apartment last week by claiming that a "corrupt double standard" subjects supporters of former President Donald Trump to "false charges and procedures." The publicity-savvy Giuliani was even ready to apply a name to it: the Trump Derangement Syndrome.

It is outrageous, read the statement from Giuliani's lawyer, that the Department of Justice has set its sights "on the United States Attorney and Mayor who did more to reduce crime than virtually any other in American history."

But Giuliani's complaint is a scoundrel's refuge. The legitimacy of the search is demonstrable. Indeed, it is apparent to anyone who followed what was happening in mid-2019, as Giuliani, then the president's personal attorney, undertook a shakedown campaign in Ukraine and bombastically insisted it was proper.

Giuliani's computer and phone were seized because federal prosecutors think he may have failed to register as a foreign lobbyist—in this case, for Ukrainian interests—as required by law. Instead of a partisan witch hunt, the investigation has the look of a by-the-book operation driven by facts and law; that is, by Giuliani's own actions, not politics.

Here's one thing that backs up that assessment: The prosecutors in the Justice Department's Southern District of New York attempted to execute the Giuliani search warrant twice, even under Trump.

More precisely, they had sought to execute functionally identical warrants: Prosecutors would have had to show a judge last week that the information in the warrant, and the claim of probable cause for finding evidence of a crime, remained valid.

Both times the Giuliani warrant came up in 2020, senior officials at the Department of Justice—that would be Trump's and William Barr's Department of Justice—said no because the department doesn't take an overt action that could influence voters in the 60 days prior to an election. (The first "no" came in advance of Nov. 3 and seems a fair application of department policy. The second one, after Election Day, not so much.)

This history alone all but disproves Giuliani's partisanship allegation. It's evidence of the opposite really: prosecutors under Trump/Barr and President Joe Biden and Attorney General Merrick Garland were seeking the same thing—a full investigation of what Giuliani was up to in Ukraine in 2019.

Indeed, there's irony in the search having been halted under Barr but green-lighted under Garland. Had Barr permitted the search to go forward, it would have given Giuliani a strong hand to play in seeking a pardon from Trump. Now he is out in the cold.

Beyond the department's consistency, there's a wealth of publicly known evidence supporting a Giuliani investigation. We know from testimony at Trump's first impeachment hearings that Giuliani was conducting what many in the State Department considered a rogue foreign policy campaign in Ukraine—rogue in the sense that he had no official role there and that what he was doing was contrary to U.S. strategic interests.

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By many accounts, Giuliani was trying to orchestrate the ouster of then-U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch, an exemplary public servant working effectively against corruption, as was her official brief. He was also browbeating U.S. officials—remember EU Ambassador Gordon Sonnenfeld's impeachment hearing testimony?—to pressure President Volodymyr Zelenskiy into announcing an investigation of Hunter Biden's Ukrainian ties, which would have provided Trump a campaign talking point. (Yovanovitch lost her job; Zelenskiy held out.)

The public record also shows that Giuliani was in cahoots with one Lev Parnas. In 2018, Parnas paid Giuliani \$500,000 for consulting work done for a mostly nonexistent business. By 2019, he says he was acting as a go-between for Giuliani (and Trump) in Ukraine, searching for dirt on the Bidens among former officials who considered Yovanovitch a threat. "I was on the ground doing their work," Parnas told Rachel Maddow, of Trump and his lawyer.

But Rudy claims he has a defense: There is a clause in "my contracts," he insists, that says "I don't do lobbying."

It's a bizarre claim. He may as well point out a contract provision that says "I will commit no crimes and will always behave like a perfect gentleman." Whether Giuliani was lobbying on behalf of foreign individuals comes down to this: Did he act at the request of foreigners when he attempted to influence U.S. government officials in Ukraine?

There's one last reason to be reassured about the fairness of the Giuliani investigation. The Justice Department didn't tell the White House last Wednesday's search was coming.

"I give you my word," Biden said later, "I was not briefed." (It is impossible to imagine a similar forbearance in the Trump era.)

In fact, the department appears to have bent over backward to be indifferent to politics. The Giuliani search came on the very day Biden delivered his first speech before a joint session of Congress. It would have been more politically convenient had the FBI waited a bit. Shortly after the raid was reported, Giuliani's former client weighed in. "It's like so unfair," Trump said. "Rudy is a patriot."

However hard it may be for Giuliani or Trump to believe, the government has its share of squeaky clean, unflinchingly fair servants of the law. The persistent prosecutors in the Southern District of New York are among them. So is the man now atop the Department of Justice.

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Joe Biden's radical gambit

There's believing your own press releases. And then, there's believing your own delusions of grandeur.

Joe Biden should look at the mirror every day and see a president elected on the basis of the unpopularity

Virtues & Vices: Tranquil vs. Chaotic Slices

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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I have chosen to use the word 'peace' for my virtue here. B. Franklin uses 'Tranquility' (his spelling) for the 11th virtue listed in his *The Thirteen Virtues* found in *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*, which I'm using as inspiration for this sonnet series. "Be not disturbed at trifles, or at accidents common or unavoidable." (B. Franklin, 1793).

I Will Give Peace About Fourteen Lines

"I lived for a moment in a world so lovely, so inept
At twisted words and crooked deeds. It was as if
I slept and dreamt."

—Edna St. Vincent Millay, 1892-1950

I will give my friend Peace about fourteen lines and try to get her to bring more peaceful things if we are lucky we will hear how freedom sings with calm and courage much a part of her designs she conquers all that surrounds confuses and confines anger and disorder with a soothing balm of serenity she holds hands with agreement and compromise mixing order together with justice and joy combines for the many days and years ahead a constant press of attention to our arguments likes and dislikes she'll give us direction and infuse us with love with a Quaker's gentle persuasion to be understood she will kindly not make us feel guilty and confess that it took us so long to learn to be kind and good.

Butterfly Wings and Chaotic Things

"I will put Chaos into fourteen lines" is the title of a sonnet by Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950) that was published in 1954.

I will give comrade Chaos just fourteen lines riotous, rambunctious, raw, and ridiculous rambling about with new physical confines big stakes no stakes make mistakes meticulous

Now many books are written on Chaos theory formulas and equations involve serious science perusing randomness choosing using inquiry as chaos upsets the apple cart with defiance

Then there is the famous (graph)* butterfly effect where a butterfly's wing changes the world don't rufous hummingbirds get any respect how about how a baby's eyelashes have curled

Or the McCartney Beatle that gave it a try with "the butter wouldn't melt so we put it in the pie."

(The term 'butterfly effect' comes from a graph of "chaos" or chaotic things that looked like butterfly wings. "The butterfly effect is the sensitive dependence on initial conditions in which a small change in one state of a deterministic nonlinear system can result in a large difference in a later state...") and the butter pie?

of his predecessor at a time when the country was slammed by a once-in-100-years pandemic.

Instead, by every account, he sees a transformative leader with a mandate to change America as rapidly and irreversibly as possible.

As the news site Axios noted, Biden wants his next 100 days to be "more audacious" than his first 100, as he seeks "to re-engineer the very fundamentals of America—inequality, voting rights and government's role in directing economic growth."

Oh, is that all?

Biden's drive to make himself the next FDR and erect a massive progressive edifice on the slightest of political foundations is monumentally arrogant and almost certainly bound to fail.

Biden is contemplating the sort of the bait-and-switch that rarely goes over well. Yes, the policy plans he ran on last year were further to the left of Barack Obama's and of Biden's own lengthy record as a U.S. senator. But Biden described himself as a moderate who wanted to work with Republicans and restore a sense of normality to Washington.

He said, as he put it when urging Republicans not to fill the Ruth Bader Ginsberg seat on the Supreme Court, "We need to de-escalate, not escalate."

No one listening to that or a thousand other things Biden said during the campaign would have had him pegged as the guy who'd immediately set about making wrenching changes in the American way of life.

For a would-be FDR, Biden doesn't seem to understand that a fundamental source of the New Dealer's power was enormous congressional majorities.

FDR came into office in 1932 with almost a 200-seat majority in the House, 313-117, after Republicans lost more than 100 seats.

Biden came into office in 2020 with a bare 9-seat majority in the House after Democrats surprisingly lost ground all over the country. It's the narrowest Democratic House majority since the last two years of the administration of Rutherford B. Hayes.

In the Senate, FDR had 58 Democrats, as Republicans lost 12 seats in 1932 in one of the worst senatorial drubbings in history.

Biden has a 50-50 tie after Democrats eked out two special

GOP seeks to shut down protests

The murder of George Floyd gave rise to the largest social justice movement in U.S. history, with 15 million to 26 million Americans participating in protests. It also produced a vicious Republican backlash against civil rights and civil liberties.

Mirroring voter suppression efforts throughout the country, GOP lawmakers in 34 states have introduced 81 bills to criminalize peaceful protest, and in some cases protect motorists who mow down demonstrators.

Ironically dubbed "anti-riot" laws, these bills are anti-protest, anti-free speech, anti-democratic and, unfortunately, very American.

GOP lawmakers today seem to be channeling their segregationist predecessors. Jim Crow politicians promulgated segregation laws that strictly limited the movement and freedom of Black people, and vagrancy and loitering laws that criminalized Black Americans for being outside and assembling in groups.

Movements create social change, and this new legislation is a direct response to the Black Lives Matter movement and the increased national calls to end police violence and systemic racism. While the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol demonstrated the preeminent danger of white supremacist and right-wing domestic terror groups such as the Oath Keepers and the Proud Boys, Republicans view social justice—a symbol of a changing, diverse and inclusive nation—as a threat.

With 361 voter disenfranchisement bills in 47 states, gerrymandering and anti-protest measures, the GOP hopes to silence its multiracial political opposition in the way that Southern segregationists quelled Black power.

In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed into law what he called "the strongest anti-looting, anti-rioting, pro-law-enforcement piece of legislation in the country." Signed during the trial of Derek Chauvin—the former Minneapolis police officer convicted of killing George Floyd—the law classifies a riot as a public gathering of three or more people, and denies bail for defendants accused of committing offenses during a protest until they have appeared in court.

The law also enhances penalties for damaging Confederate monuments and flags, and like similar legislation in Iowa and Oklahoma, protects drivers who hit or injure protesters.

These cruel and obscene laws would have protected James

By RICH LOWRY

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election victories in Georgia earlier this year, with Vice President Kamala Harris on standby to break ties.

The fate of Biden's legislative agenda hangs by a thread, depending on whether Sens. Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema, relatively moderate Democrats, support his proposals. If FDR had been equally dependent on a couple of ideologically unsympathetic Democrats from the outset of his administration, he wouldn't be FDR.

If Biden feels emboldened by his first 100 days, he's defining achievement downward. FDR signed into law more than a dozen major measures addressing the Great Depression during his first 100 days, while Biden got a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill—a huge amount of spending, yes, but much of it is temporary.

Pro-Biden pundits are currently exulting that he has about a 53% approval rating, a respectable showing, if hardly a position of overwhelming strength from which to try to revolutionize the country. Importantly, FDR initially got even more powerful after 1932. Republicans dropped down to only 17 senators and 89 congressmen in 1936, whereas Biden will be lucky to hold on to his slender congressional majorities next year.

With his legislative margin of error so thin, it's unlikely that Biden will get his way on much besides spending and taxes. Almost all of his sweeping proposals, from federalizing elections to making D.C. a state, will fall by the wayside.

More to the point, it's wrong for Biden to attempt to force through such radical measures when his mandate for them exists only in his ridiculously inflated self-image.

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Alex Fields Jr., the neo-Nazi who was sent to prison for plowing his car into a crowd of counterprotesters at a Unite the Right rally in 2017, killing Heather Heyer.

Republican legislation proposed in Minnesota would prohibit people convicted of engaging in protest from working in government or receiving student loans, food stamps, housing assistance, unemployment and other government services and benefits.

Moreover, Arkansas, Montana, Kansas and Ohio have promoted increased criminal penalties for climate protesters who trespass on "critical infrastructure" including oil, gas, coal and plastics facilities.

The American Legislative Exchange Council, or ALEC, a conservative group representing lobbyists, lawmakers and corporations including the fossil fuel industry, has drafted the anti-pipeline protest bills for state legislatures. Like voter ID, "stand your ground" and other ALEC initiatives, this anti-protest legislation disproportionately targets communities of color.

"State Republicans who can't stop screaming about 'cancel culture' are doing everything in their power to cancel the First Amendment right to assemble," tweeted Robert Reich, the former Clinton administration secretary of labor who now teaches at the University of California, Berkeley.

With only 25% of people identifying as Republicans—a dwindling base in a changing, multicultural America—the GOP faces a choice. It can either listen to the Black Lives Matter protesters and adopt new policies to reflect a new reality, or seek to silence their voices.

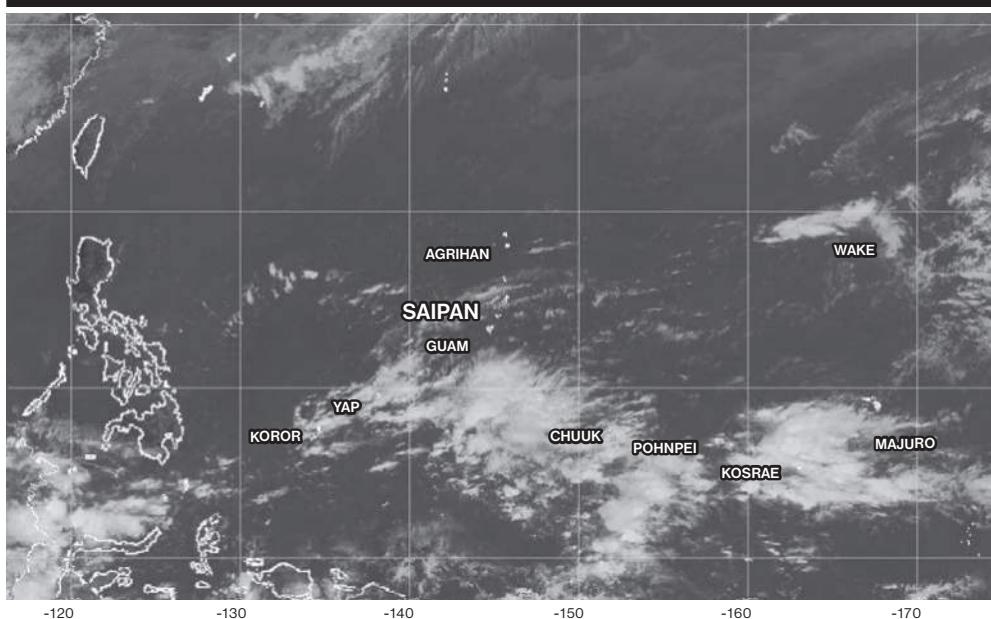
The Republican Party is choosing the latter.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers.
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:46 AM, THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows partly cloudy skies across the Marianas with some trade-wind showers, and also brief isolated thunderstorms west of the islands, outside the coastal waters. Combined seas are between 6.5 and 7.5 feet at Tanapag and Ritidian, and just over 8 ft at the Ipan buoy.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
- Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Source: Office of the Governor

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85 79 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86 80 °F
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	84 80 °F

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Tuesday	5:21 AM	6:12 PM	-

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Beijing	Thunderstorms	83 68 °F
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	81 74 °F
Honolulu	Cloudy	59 49 °F
London	Overcast	57 50 °F
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	79 59 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	90 78 °F
Melbourne	Sunny	63 43 °F
Miami	Sunny	85 76 °F
New York	Partly Cloudy	61 52 °F
Osaka	Sunny	78 60 °F
Paris	Cloudy	66 45 °F
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Salem	Cloudy	83 53 °F
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Washington, DC	Cloudy	64 57 °F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET		
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5:13 PM	High Tide	1.58
11:20 PM	Low Tide	0.60

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 29, 2021

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Celebrating this Moment

Being a mom is life changing

Being a mother completely changes your life and always for the better as you will adore every single minute of it. There is no overload of kisses, tight hugs, sweet gestures, or even woes and cries because the love between mother and child is unconditional and will surpass any circumstance or challenge. We talked to four amazing mothers that does just that.

Doemiko Flores, a behavior analyst who specializes in therapy for children with autism and had just moved from Richmond, Virginia, to Saipan with her husband, Albert, and their three children, was faced with an different kind of challenge last year when her husband was unexpectedly deployed for an entire year for military duty in Afghanistan. Raising small children—Miriam, 5, Thomas, 4, and Scarlett, 2—on her own during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic had its own set of challenges but Flores made it work. She also never fails to see the special moments in their everyday life.

"The thing I love the most about being a mother, besides the hugs that wrap around my neck so tight and squishy kisses, is watching my children experience amazing things for the first time. To see their excitement at something that might be so mundane to me since I am used to it brings a renewed excitement for me," she said.

Docomo Pacific executive Michelle Atalig keeps the right balance with her family life, career and sport, cycling. She recognizes the influence that she got from her own mom: "The greatest gift you can give your children is your presence and hold dearly the memories that come with it."

"The thing I love most about being a mom is experiencing unconditional love like no other. I feel this sense of purpose and responsibility to give my children safety, love, security, and support their growth and health in every way possible. While I feel so blessed to be a mommy to Aiden and Penelope, I thank my husband, Charlie, for being my partner in this journey of parenthood. My children remind me to stay present, to see things from a different perspective and to appreciate life's little



Tina Zamora with husband, Raffy, and their children.
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Michelle Atalig and her husband, Charlie, and their children.
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Olivia Fernandez with her mini-me daughters.
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moments," she said. Olivia Fernandez, housewife and mother to Fiona, 13, and Freja, 7, admits that she had a reputation in high school and college that she never liked being around children, leading her closest friends to think that she will probably not get married and have children.

"Yes, I used to find them so annoying and thought we might compete getting my husband's attention. I was immature like that and that has passed. As soon as my first daughter was born, I fell in love with her right away," she said. "Your children will complete you. You will become

selfless and, yes, a mother's instinct is very real. I gave up my job so I can focus on my girls as they give me so much joy. Now I think my children are the ones competing with my husband for my attention (laughs) but he's fine with it."

Lani Meyer, a professional photographer and fashion stylist from Austin, Texas, is a mom of two boys—a 26-month-old and an almost 6 month-old. She treats every day as a surprise rewarding her boys.

"Being a mom is incredibly challenging and there are so many tears and frustrations but it's also very fulfilling



Lani Meyer with her boys.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

with lots of joys and laughter. It's fun to see my child, who's half me and half the person I love, grow into a tiny human being with his own personality and opinions. Every day is a treat as I have no idea what I'm getting for the day! One of the best things is having a role in shaping them and I am reminded of the verse in Proverbs 22:6, which says Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he grows older he will not abandon it," she said. "It's amazing but also scary to be part of that process, to have the opportunity to help them grow one day into strong, kind and godly men—what a contribution it would be! That's more long term, but for now, the best thing about being a mom would be the

hugs, kisses, and snuggles and them thinking you're the coolest and funniest person they know."

Real estate executive Tina

Zamora, a mother of three girls, loves being a mom and part of it is taking in every moment with her children. "I don't want to miss a thing. . . . On my days off and when I come home after being consumed at work, these are the moments that I cannot wait to hug and kiss my children. I actually think it is not fair for them that I depend on them for

strength," she said, laughing. "But I love it the most when I spend time with them, may it be playtime, Netflix or chill time, church time, school time, park time and when I feed and give them a bath. I love watching them grow and taking care of them. It is a bliss being able to witness happy and sad times and experiencing all of that with them."



Doemiko Flores spends quality time with her children at Bird Island.
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Enrico del Rosario with mom, Beth, and brother, Justin.

Love from miles away

By BEA CABRERA
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Whether apart by merely a mile to thousands of miles away, the connection between a mother and child will always be strong and indivisible. But appreciating mom on Mother's Day is never far from their list. Saipan Tribune talks to Saipan born and raised individuals who are currently off island for school

or work and starting to build on their future.

Tania Tan, who graduated from Saipan International School in 2019 and is now based in New York where she is pursuing a degree at Fordham University, goes home whenever her schedule allows. She likes to think that her mom, Lydia, is also her

best friend and that bond is undeniable. When you see them together, one cannot tell that they are a mother-daughter team.

"Last time I was with mom was a few months ago. When apart, we keep in touch through weekly FaceTime calls and daily text messages. She's basically my



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Tania Tan with her mom, Lydia. best friend and is really good at cooking, so I miss her food (laughs). My favorite thing is going running or biking with her because we like a lot of the same things so we can do those things together," she said.

According to Tan, one life lesson that she will carry all her life is her mother's strength. "She never gives up and perseveres even through tough times. She's also good in doing things with confidence, which I lack. ...I miss and love her so much. I can't wait to see you mom and Happy Mother's Day!"

Mt. Carmel School graduate Enrico Del Rosario, who was a dominant football player during high school, represented the CNMI in

various tournaments abroad and the first CNMI-born soccer player to play at the U.S. National Collegiate Athletic Association. He continues to pursue his passion for football as he steps up to the plate to be the new team captain of the NMI Men's National Team. He lives in Northern Kentucky, recently earned his bachelor's degree this year from Northern Kentucky University and, according to him, his mother, Beth, always taught him to work hard and persevere.

"I've been away for about five years on and off but I keep in touch by messaging them online and by video chatting. I really don't like being away from my mom. Personally I did not have separation anxiety but I definitely miss her. My advice is to just talk to your mom as much as you can and call her when you have time," he said. "Something very important I learned from my mom was to always work hard and do my best in everything that I do. This is memorable for me because it has helped me with different things in life such as sports, my studies, and in my job."

Enrico and Beth enjoy deep conversations shared with each other. "Just spending time with her is always nice. ...My favorite thing to do with my mom is to just sit down and talk about different things. I love it when she shares her wisdom in life, especially when she was growing up because it

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is inspiring," he said. "I thank her for everything that she has done for me and my brother. Thank you for always supporting me and believing in me no matter what. Because of you, I have the vision to reach for my dreams and the grit to push through the challenges that are in my way. I love you, I will forever appreciate you!"

Born and raised on Saipan, Asia Camacho Hilario is currently in Silicon Valley, California. She is making waves and gaining popularity as a self-love coach, focuses on women empowerment, is a mental health and wellness podcaster (The Glow Up Season Podcast), philanthropist and crisis counselor for Crisis Textline

Lucille, which named after her mother.

"My mom always taught me to give back to my community, no matter what you have and what point in life you are. We have to pay it forward and help those in need, whether it be volunteering, educating, raising awareness, fundraising, anything to give back to the less fortunate. I remember when I was a little girl, I tagged along with her everywhere she went and when she did things for her community," she said.

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I've only seen my parents once in the last year. I normally see them maybe two to four times a year but we keep in touch via Group Chat and Group FaceTime. My top love languages are physical touch and quality time, so not being able to

hug my mom and hang out with her is tough," she added.

One thing that Hilario shares with her mom is a loves of dance. "I always film her dancing and everyone on my Instagram and Facebook always laugh. We love to make people laugh and I definitely get my sense of humor from her. ...To keep the connection, the advice I can give to mothers and daughters who are separated is to never underestimate the power of a simple phone call or FaceTime. Schedule those often and even add them to your calendar.

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We honor all mothers in the Marianas, and we wish you all the happiness in the world.

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The love of a mother is immeasurable. The comfort inside the home she cares for and watches over ensures a healthy and loving family. Every person that comes into her home comes back time and again, never venturing far away or staying away for long periods of time. Our moms symbolize strength, knowledge, resilience, love, and authority. They are the pillars that represent all that we are today.

To our mothers, thank you for all that you do to help keep us together as a family. Today and every day, we thank and appreciate you all. Because of the guidelines on the pandemic, Mother's Day may be a little different for many of us this year. But because our mothers taught us great things, we must stay strong and find alternative ways to stay connected with our mothers to mark and honor this special day. To all mothers who have passed, we remember and continue to pray for them for the unconditional love that they left in our hearts. To all mothers who are first responders, essential workers, and active U.S. Military service members, we are eternally grateful for your sacrifices and act of selflessness. We are always thinking of you. We appreciate and honor you and will continue to stand alongside you as we move forward together.

**HAPPY
Mother's Day**

David M. Apatang
Mayor of Saipan & Staff




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While the whole world celebrates Mother's Day on Sunday, Brilliant Stars School on Navy Hill celebrated their annual "International Day" last week.

According to principal Steven Beyer, it was an opportunity for teachers and students to talk about how diverse the CNMI community is and a good way to get more information about one's and other's traditional or cultural background.

"It sparks conversations. ... It gives the students a neat view of the different cultures in the school and the conversation extends when the students go home too. ... Because of the pandemic, we couldn't have a big celebration that the school has had in the past...but we will do it again next year like we always do every year and I think it is a great tradition. It's good for the school and kind of let the children show off where they come from," he said.

Lindsay Davis, who has been a teacher at Brilliant Star for 16 years, said that International Day is a staple tradition at their school. "We have done different things with it in the past. Sometimes we turn it into a whole week, play different games from around the world,

The world celebrates Mother's Day



or bring in food because it is a way to celebrate and represent the different cultures at our school," she said.

Another teacher, Sara Alyse, said the students get to wear any clothing not necessarily related or specific to their culture or background. "It is also a way for students to wear traditional clothes and food from other cultures. Then we talk about the different cultures and tradition and where they got their attire from and ask if they ever visited that place. I think it's important to celebrate life and as people in our community come from different parts of the world, it should be celebrated because we are all humans, it brings color and more excitement to life," she said.

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—Janice Tenorio, Customer Service manager and Government Relations manager, IT&E

"Mothers are superwomen. They work double time to take care of the children, help with home schooling and juggle work and their careers. I know they are doing the best that they can so keep it up, moms!"

—Sandy Tse, San Vicente



"When my daughter was growing up I had to juggle my time with taking care of her and working. After work I had to hurry home to help her with homework. But things are different now and I'm glad my daughter is now an adult. I've seen mothers struggle with the same things I did but more so because of the pandemic. I give props, support and admiration to the mothers today."

—Lou Camacho, Koblerville

"My mom passed away a year ago and this is our first Mother's Day without her. ...I miss her but we are going to honor her by remembering her. I can share with other mothers what my own mom taught me, [like] life lesson at home—'Always be kind' and 'Do not talk about anyone behind their back.' At work, she always said to just do the right thing and do your best all the time."

—Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente



"As a mom, we want to keep the family safe and for sure this is the priority of every mother. So I say to them, 'Stay strong [and] think of your health. You need to be strong and healthy for your family.' Resiliency of families is key especially during this pandemic and we want to be able to fight it. I continue to encourage not only the mothers but parents to get vaccinated. Soon, even children 12-15 years old hopefully will be able to get the Pfizer vaccine, which is good news."

—Esther Muña, CEO, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.



"Two of my children are young adults... and one is still in grade 12. My heart smiles every time I hear them call my name...because it makes me feel needed and loved. This pandemic, we all need supermom power and what better way to get this but from the loving gestures that our children shows us."

—Niza Agcaoili, businesswoman

Moms encourage other moms

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Design Flower and Gift Shop gears up for

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Design Flower and Gift Shop's Mother's Day gift baskets.

By MARK RABAGO
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Design Flower and Gift Shop is gearing up for literally the mother of all occasions by offering discounts and free delivery on Mother's Day this Sunday, May 9.

Operations manager Fhe Gamab said the flower shop at the Cabrera Center along Beach Road has slashed 10% off its very popular Mother's Day gift baskets and free delivery for purchases in excess of \$100.

"Mother's Day means so much to our business because Mother's Day is an occasion that is celebrated in various parts of the world, not only to sell flowers but to express respect, honor, and love to our mothers. It's a day that makes each one of us remember the importance and significance of the mothers in our lives and is observed as a day to give special emphasis to the motherly figures around the world," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Gamab said their Mother's Day gift baskets have been a hit these past few Mother's Day celebrations since they include everything a mother would love. It also helps that it's quite practical. "Our gift basket consists of mostly motherly selections like crackers, spreads, different kinds of aroma tea, coffee, juices, cooking stuff, bath stuff, and the likes."

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Design Flower and Gift Shop primarily sells fresh flowers like lilies, carnation, mums, orchids, and roses.

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World

AS IT SCRAMBLES FOR OXYGEN SUPPLY

India hits another grim record

NEW DELHI (AP)—Infections in India hit another grim daily record on Thursday as demand for medical oxygen jumped seven-fold and the government denied reports that it was slow in distributing life-saving supplies from abroad.

The number of new confirmed cases breached 400,000 for the second time since the devastating surge began last month. The 412,262 cases pushed India's tally to more than 21 million. The Health Ministry also reported 3,980 deaths in the last 24 hours, bringing the total to 230,168. Experts believe both figures are an undercount.

Eleven COVID-19 patients died as the pressure in the oxygen line dropped suddenly in a government medical college hospital in Chengalpet town in southern India on Wednesday night, possibly because of a faulty valve, The Times of India newspaper reported.

Hospital authorities said they had repaired the pipeline last week, but the consump-

tion of oxygen doubled since then, the daily said.

Demand for hospital oxygen has increased seven times since last month, a government official said, as India scrambles to set up large oxygen plants and transport cryogenic tanks, cylinders and liquid oxygen. India created a sea bridge on Tuesday to ferry oxygen tanks from Bahrain and Kuwait in the Persian Gulf, officials said.

Most hospitals in India aren't equipped with independent plants that generate oxygen directly for patients. As a result, hospitals typically rely on liquid oxygen, which can be stored in cylinders and transported in cryogenic tanks. But amid the surge, supplies in hard-hit places like New Delhi are running critically short.

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said India has enough liquid oxygen but it's facing capacity constraint in moving it. Most oxygen is produced in the eastern parts of India while the demand has risen in northern and western parts.

K. Vijay Raghvan, a principal scientific adviser to the government, said this phase of the pandemic was "a very critical time for the country."

The United States, Britain, Germany and several other nations are rushing therapeutics, rapid virus tests and oxygen, along with materials needed to boost domestic production of COVID-19 vaccines to ease pressure on the fragile health infrastructure.

India's vaccine production is expected to get a boost with the United States supporting a waiver of intellectual property protections for COVID-19 vaccines.

Vaccine components from the U.S. that had arrived in India will enable the manufacturing of 20 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine, said Daniel B. Smith, the most senior diplomat at the embassy in New Delhi.

Last month, Adar Poonawalla, chief executive officer of the Serum Institute of India, the world's biggest vaccine maker, appealed to President Joe Biden to lift the embargo

on U.S. export of raw materials, which, he said, was affecting its production of COVID-19 shots.

The government meanwhile described as "totally misleading" Indian media reports

that it took seven days for it to come up with a procedure for distributing urgent medical supplies that started arriving on April 25.

The statement said that a streamlined and systematic

mechanism for allocation of the supplies received by India has been put in place for effective distribution. The Indian Red Cross Society is involved in distributing supplies from abroad, it said.

Myanmar's military disappearing young men to crush uprising

JAKARTA, INDONESIA (AP)—Myanmar's security forces moved in and the street lamps went black. In house after house, people shut off their lights.

Huddled inside her home in Yangon, 19-year-old Shwe dared to peek out her window. A flashlight shone back, and a man's voice ordered her not to look.

Two gunshots rang out. Then a man's scream: "HELP!" When the military's trucks finally rolled away, Shwe and her family emerged to look for her 15-year-old brother.

"I could feel my blood thumping," she says. "I had a feeling that he might be taken."

Across the country, Myanmar's security forces are arresting and forcibly disappearing thousands of people, especially boys and young men, in a sweeping bid to crush a three-month uprising against a military takeover. In most cases, the families of those taken don't know where they are, according to an Associated Press analysis of more

than 3,500 arrests since February. UNICEF, the U.N. children's agency, is aware of around 1,000 cases of children or young people who have been arbitrarily arrested and detained, many without access to lawyers or their families.

It is a technique the military has long used to instill fear and crush pro-democracy movements. The boys and young men are taken from homes, businesses and streets. Some end up dead. Many are imprisoned and sometimes tortured. Many more are missing.

"We've definitely moved into a situation of mass enforced disappearances," says Matthew Smith, co-founder of the human rights group Fortify Rights, which has collected evidence of detainees being killed in custody. "We're documenting and seeing widespread and systematic arbitrary arrests."

The AP is withholding Shwe's full name to protect her from retaliation by the military.

The autobody shop in Shwe's neighborhood was a regular hangout for local boys. On the night of March 21, her brother

had gone there to chill out like he usually did.

As Shwe approached the shop, she saw it had been ransacked. Frantic, she and her father scoured the building for any sign of their beloved boy.

But he was gone, and the floor was covered in blood.

Ever since Myanmar's military seized control in February, faces of the missing have flooded the Internet. Recently, photos of young people detained by security forces also have begun circulating online and on military-controlled television, their faces bloodied, with clear markings of beatings and possible torture.

At least 3,500 people have been detained since the military takeover began, more than three-quarters of whom are male, according to an analysis of data collected by the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, which monitors deaths and arrests. Of the 419 men whose ages were recorded in the group's database, nearly two-thirds are under age 30, and 78 are teenagers.

Rome jury convicts 2 US friends in slaying of police officer

ROME (AP)—A jury in Italy convicted two American friends in the 2019 slaying in Rome of a police officer in a tragic unraveling of a small-time drug deal gone bad, sentencing them to the maximum life in prison.

More than 12 hours after deliberations began, the jury of two judges and six civilians delivered verdicts and sentences Wednesday night that set off a collective gasp in the courtroom: Finnegan Lee Elder, 21, and Gabriel Natale-Hjorth, 20, former schoolmates from the San Francisco area, were each found guilty of murder and four other counts and received Italy's stiffest punishment, life imprisonment.

Each had been charged with homicide, attempted extortion, assault, resisting a public official and carrying an attack-style knife without just cause. Presiding Judge Marina Finitti announced the jury found them guilty of all the charges in the trial indictment.

Prosecutors alleged Elder stabbed Vice Brigadier Mario Cerciello Rega 11 times with a knife that he brought with him on his trip to Europe and that

Natale-Hjorth helped him hide the knife in their hotel room. Under Italian law, an accomplice in an alleged murder can also be charged with murder without materially doing the slaying.

The July 26, 2019, killing of the officer in the storied Carabinieri paramilitary police corps shocked Italy. Cerciello Rega, 35, was mourned as a national hero.

The slain officer's widow, who held a photo of her dead husband while waiting for the verdict, broke down in tears and hugged his brother, Paolo.

"His integrity was defended," Rosa Maria Esilio said outside the courtroom, between sobs. "He was everyone's son, everyone's Carabiniere. He was a marvelous husband, he was a marvelous man, a servant of the state who deserves respect and honor."

As the defendants were led out of the courtroom to be taken back to their jail cells, Elder's father, Ethan Elder, called out, "Finnegan, I love you." As the parents left the courtroom, as midnight neared, his mother, Leah Elder, sat on a curb, looking

dazed, holding her head.

One of Elder's lawyers, Renato Borzone, called the verdicts "a disgrace for Italy."

A lawyer for Natale-Hjorth, Fabio Alonzi, said he was speechless, just as his client was. Natale-Hjorth was "completely shocked, he kept telling me he did not understand."

In the courtroom for Natale-Hjorth, who has Italian citizenship as well as U.S. citizenship, were his father and uncle, who lives in Italy.

Cerciello Rega had recently returned from a honeymoon when he was assigned along with partner, officer Andrea Varriale, to follow up on a reported extortion attempt. They went in plainclothes and, for reasons never clear in court testimony, didn't bring their service pistols on the mission.

Prosecutors contend the young Americans concocted a plot involving a stolen bag and cellphone after their failed attempt to buy cocaine with 80 euros (\$96) in Rome's Trastevere nightlife district. Natale-Hjorth and Elder testified they had paid for the cocaine but didn't receive it.

IN CELEBRATION OF
First Death Anniversary
OF OUR DEAR BELOVED
†Faustino Mettao Olopai
ALSO KNOWN AS "TINO" OR "TINONG".

The family would like to invite our friends and relatives to join us in daily mass according to the schedule below:

April 30th and May 1st:

6:00 am Mt. Carmel
6:00 pm at Saint Jude, San Jose, Santa Soledad and Santa Remedios Church

May 3rd:

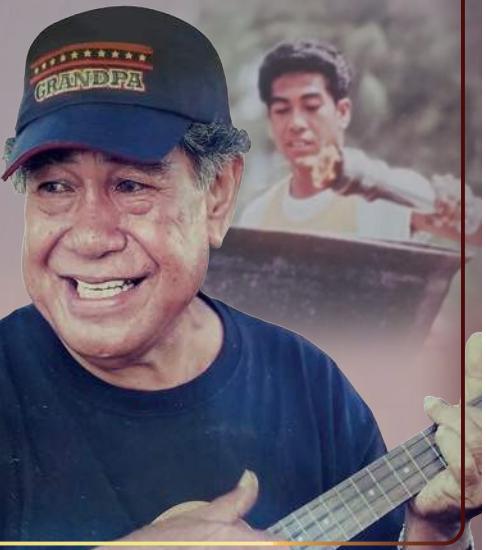
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6:00 pm Saint Jude, San Jose and Santa Remedios Church

May 4th - 7th

6:00 am Mt. Carmel
6:00 pm Saint Jude, San Jose, Santa Soledad and Santa Remedios Church

May 8th

6:00 am Mt. Carmel
6:00 pm Saint Jude Church



On the last day, immediately after the mass, a dinner will be served at the family residence in As Lito.

Your presence, prayers and support will be greatly appreciated.

Ghilisow, Si Yu's Ma'aese and Thank you

The Family

Jean; Ron; Michele,
Dan, Omari, DJ
and Theo

Off The Wall

Mom who gave birth on flight didn't know she was pregnant

HONOLULU (AP)—Lavinia “Lavi” Mounga had no idea a baby was coming when she went into labor on a flight from her home in Utah to Honolulu last week.

“I just didn’t know I was pregnant, and then this guy just came out of nowhere,” Mounga said during a video interview with Hawaii Pacific Health.

The baby boy, Raymond Mounga, arrived early at just 29 weeks while mom was traveling to Hawaii for vacation with her family.

Dr. Dale Glenn, a Hawaii

Pacific Health family medicine physician, along with Lani Bamfield, Amanda Beeding and Mimi Ho—neonatal intensive care unit nurses from North Kansas City Hospital—were also on the plane and helped the new mother and baby.

“Yeah, just overwhelming and just nice that there was three NICU nurses on the plane and a doctor that were able to help stabilize him and make sure that he was OK,” Mounga said.

When deciding on a name, Mounga’s father suggested

“Glenn,” in honor of the doctor who helped her during the flight.

“Names are pretty important in our culture,” said Mounga, who is Tongan. “I didn’t really want to name him Glenn.”

Instead she asked Dr. Glenn, who gave his adopted children Hawaiian middle names, for a suggestion. He offered “Kaimana,” which is now one of the boy’s middle names.

The child will have to stay in the hospital’s neonatal intensive care unit he is full term, about another 10 weeks, Mounga said.

“The aloha spirit is definitely felt here,” she said about the care she has received in Hawaii.

“It’s very different from the mainland,” Mounga said. “It just feels comforting, and everyone is willing to help.”



In this undated photo provided by Hawaii Pacific Health, Lavinia “Lavi” Mounga holds her son Raymond Mounga at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children in Honolulu.

TAYLOR URSULUM/HAWAII PACIFIC HEALTH VIA AP

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Boy unhurt after taking ride on airport conveyor belt system

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Authorities say a 9-year-old boy who found his way onto the conveyor belt baggage handling system at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport was not injured. Airport spokesperson Pat Hogan said the incident happened early Saturday afternoon as a group of about 20 people were checking their bags for a trip they were taking together. Hogan said initially no one in the group noticed the boy was missing, Minnesota Public Radio News reported. “There was a lot of confusion because there were so many people in the group,” he said. “They were all checking their bags and putting their own bags on the conveyors, so it took a second for them to realize he was missing—but as soon as they did people sprang into action and the police were able to find him quickly.” Police found the boy in under five minutes.

Tennessee toddler freed from antique wooden barrel

PORTRLAND, Tenn. (AP)—Fire rescuers and medical staff used a power saw and screwdrivers to extract a toddler from an antique wooden barrel in which he became wedged during a visit with his grandparents. Kelly Strubing and her husband took their 2-year-old son Dorian to the emergency room after he got stuck Saturday, WKRN-TV reported. Sumner County Emergency Medical Services and the Portland Fire Department worked with hospital staff to free the boy. X-rays determined where his hips, knees and feet were, Strubing told the station. His arms, shoulders and head stuck out from the top of the barrel, which allowed him to hold on to a teddy bear. The workers used a power saw to cut some wood from the bottom of the barrel and screwdrivers were used to chip away at the top opening to make a hole big enough for his feet to fit through, Strubing said. The first responders pulled the toddler through the top of the barrel once his legs were straightened.

Food of the future? EU nations put mealworms on the menu

BRUSSELS (AP)—Dried yellow mealworms could soon be hitting supermarket shelves and restaurants across Europe. The European Union’s 27 nations gave the greenlight Tuesday to a proposal to put the Tenebrio molitor beetle’s larvae on the market as a “novel food.” The move came after the EU’s food safety agency published a scientific opinion this year that concluded worms were safe to eat. Researchers said the worms, either eaten whole or in powdered form, are a protein-

rich snack or an ingredient for other foods. Allergic reactions may occur for people with pre-existing allergies to crustaceans and dust mites, the Commission said. Insects as food represent a very small market but EU officials said breeding them for food could have environmental benefits. The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization calls insects “a healthy and highly nutritious food source with a high content of fat, protein, vitamins, fibers and minerals.”

First Death Anniversary †JOSE REBUENO LIFOIFOI



We, the family of †Jose Rebueno Lifoifoi would like to invite our relatives, friends and family members to join us in the Holy Eucharistic Celebration as we commemorate the First Death Anniversary of our beloved †Joe passing unto eternal life.

Daily Holy Mass of Intention will be at Sta. Remedios Church, Tanapag Village at **6:00 p.m.** from **May 10, 2021, Monday until May 18, Tuesday** except on **May 16, Sunday**, Holy Mass will be at **7:00 a.m.**

A rosary will be held at Sta. Remedios Church, Tanapag Village every **5:30 p.m. from May 10, Monday until May 18, Tuesday**, except on **May 16, Sunday** the rosary will be at **8:00 a.m.**

Your presence and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Cecilia Ho Lifoifoi, Children & Family



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV

Science & Technology

America's new normal: A degree hotter than two decades ago

(AP)—America's new normal temperature is a degree hotter than it was just two decades ago.

Scientists have long talked about climate change—hotter

temperatures, changes in rain and snowfall and more extreme weather—being the “new nor-

mal.” Data released Tuesday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration put hard figures on the cliche.

The new United States normal is not just hotter, but wetter in the eastern and central parts of the nation and considerably drier in the West than

just a decade earlier.

Meteorologists calculate climate normals based on 30 years of data to limit the random swings of daily weather. It's a standard set by the World Meteorological Organization. Every 10 years, NOAA updates normal for the country as

a whole, states and cities—by year, month and season.

For the entire nation, the yearly normal temperature is now 53.3 degrees (11.8 degrees Celsius) based on weather station data from 1991 to 2020, nearly half a degree warmer than a decade ago.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

of the late

Bruce Allen Bateman



Time flies fast.

But Memories can never be forgotten or erased

From the mind of the dearest ones.

You will always remain in our thoughts.

Olive & Alex Bateman

would like to invite our friends on

Friday, May 07, 2021 for a mass at 6:00 pm
at Sta. Remedios Church to commemorate
our dearly beloved passing unto eternal life.

Nature at its craziest:
Trillions of cicadas
about to emerge

COLUMBIA, Md. (AP)—Sifting through a shovel load of dirt in a suburban backyard, Michael Raupp and Paula Shrewsbury find their quarry: a cicada nymph.

And then another. And another. And four more.

In maybe a third of a square foot of dirt, the University of Maryland entomologists find at least seven cicadas—a rate just shy of a million per acre. A nearby yard yielded a rate closer to 1.5 million.

And there's much more afoot. Trillions of the red-eyed black bugs are coming, scientists say.

Within days, a couple weeks at most, the cicadas of Brood X (the X is the Roman numeral for 10) will emerge after 17 years underground. There are many broods of periodic cicadas that appear on rigid schedules in different years, but this is one of the largest and most noticeable. They'll be in 15 states from Indiana to Georgia to New York; they're coming out now in mass numbers in Tennessee and North Carolina.

How to cope if fake Google search results hurt you

TECH Q&A

By STEVE ALEXANDER

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)



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Q: Google has begun showing search results for a misspelling of my business name, and some of these listings include my current phone number and an old home address that is now an empty lot. I edit books under the name Words & Deeds Inc. The misspelled search results are for Woods & Deeds Inc. I tried to work with Google to get these search results deleted, but I was immediately sent to some other link where they offered to “look into it” for \$50 to \$60. That might be my only avenue to get this problem fixed. What should I do?

A: You definitely have a problem. When I searched for Woods & Deeds, I found listings for your business and a single link to the Woods & Deeds company name. The misspelled company listing included your current phone number, an address where property records show you formerly lived, a link to your website and a picture of trees (perhaps the empty lot).

When I searched for Woods & Deeds, I found several more listings that included your personal information. I noted that Woods & Deeds doesn't seem to have a website. The information is on other websites, such as Mapquest.com, Yellowpages.com, Yahoo.com and Manta.com.

This situation may be the result of an honest mistake: Someone posted an incorrect piece of information and the mistake spread because websites copied business listings from each other.

Or this may be a malicious attempt to harm you or your business and make you pay to fix it. It sounds similar to a scam reported by the New York Times (see tinyurl.com/ne9chrz).

In the scam described by the Times, false information about someone was published online by an unknown person, then copied by one website after another until the information was so ubiquitous that it showed up in a Google search. Desperate to get the false information removed, victims contacted “reputation management” companies that promised to get the offending information removed from websites (and thus from Google searches) for a price. But some of the websites that published the false information and some of the reputation management services were owned or controlled by the same people—they were charging to fix a problem they had created.

So don't pay anyone to fix this. Send e-mails to the websites that I listed and ask them to change or delete the incorrect listings. Then go to a Google website (tinyurl.com/2zxk5ahy) that explains how you can request to have offending information deleted from Google searches.

Q: When I click on a website link to send someone an e-mail, Windows 10 automatically sends me to my Comcast Xfinity e-mail account, which I don't use. How can I get it to open my Gmail account instead?

A: Set your web browser to default to Gmail (see tinyurl.com/ff37n3sv and tinyurl.com/3s6bcebr). Then, when you click on a Web link to send an e-mail, it will open in Gmail instead of Xfinity e-mail.

It's not worth trying to make Windows 10 treat Gmail as your default e-mail. It recognizes PC-based e-mail apps, such as Windows 10 Mail, and some website-based e-mail systems, such as Yahoo Mail. But it doesn't recognize Gmail. The best you can do is set the default e-mail to the name of your web browser (see tinyurl.com/3uxhzv7h).

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We, the family of late

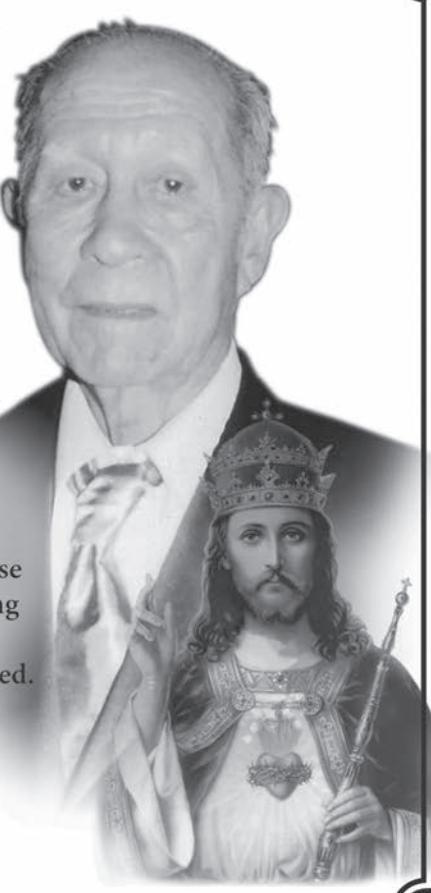
† LUIS Taitingfong Camacho

wish to express our wholehearted appreciation and gratitude to all our dear relatives, friends and colleagues who unselfishly shared their sympathy and support as we mourn the ultimately passing of my beloved husband, wonderful father, and amazing friend.

Your thoughtful prayers, comfort and compassion have helped us ease our most painful time of sorrow. We sincerely cherished your untiring presence during the daily mass and at the final moment with our beloved †Luis. Your kindness and generosity will always be remembered.

Thank you, Si Yu's Ma'ase & Salamat Po,
Tomasa C. Camacho & Family

When we lose someone we love, we must learn not to live without them,
but to live with the love they left behind.



Life & Style

BOSTON (AP)—Love letters that John F. Kennedy wrote to a Swedish paramour a few years after he married Jacqueline Bouvier are going up for auction.

"You are wonderful and I miss you," Kennedy scribbled at the end of a February 1956 letter to aristocrat Gunilla von Post, whom he'd met on the French Riviera a few weeks before he wed Bouvier in 1953.

Kennedy was a Democratic U.S. senator from Massachusetts at the time, and the handwritten letters were written on Senate letterhead. He signed one simply: "Jack."

The letters, placed up for **Josh Duggar granted release as he awaits child porn trial**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—A federal judge on Wednesday allowed former reality TV star Josh Duggar to be released as he awaits trial on charges that he downloaded and possessed child pornography.



Duggar

said after a four-hour hearing conducted over Zoom.

"You won't, your honor, thank you very much," responded Duggar.

Duggar starred on TLC's "19 Kids and Counting" until it was pulled from the network in 2015 following revelations that Duggar had molested four of his sisters and a babysitter. Duggar's parents said he had confessed to the fondling and apologized.

Duggar previously apologized for a pornography addiction and cheating on his wife.

Federal prosecutors cited Duggar's admitted molestation as a sign that he was a danger to the community.

"He has shown the court he has a history dating back 20 years that shows a sexual attraction to children and the deviousness of his activity," Assistant U.S. Attorney Carly Marshall said.

Magistrate Judge Christy Comstock ordered Duggar, 33, confined to the home of family friends who have agreed to be his custodian during his release and prohibited Duggar from any Internet-accessible devices pending his July 6 trial on the child pornography charges.

Duggar was indicted on the federal child pornography charges on Friday, a day after U.S. Marshals arrested him. He has pleaded not guilty.

"I have full confidence in the United States Marshal Service to find you if you decide not to comply with these conditions of release, so don't make me regret this decision," Comstock

online bidding by Boston-based RR Auction through May 12, underscore the 35th president's reputation as a womanizer long before he won the White House in 1960. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Von Post, who died in 2011 in Palm Beach, Florida, wrote a 1997 memoir, "Love, Jack," about her relationship with Kennedy.

A 1955 letter began: "Dear Gunilla, I must say you looked well and happy in the photograph you sent me at the Regatta." Kennedy then sketched out his plans to head to Europe

'Anxious to see you:' JFK letters to Swedish lover auctioned

after Congress recessed early in August of that year, writing: "I shall be in Sweden on the 12th. Where do I go. Send me your address at Bastaad where you shall be."

In the 1956 letter, Kennedy expressed regret that von Post wouldn't be traveling to the U.S. as he'd hoped.

"I must say I was sad to

learn that, after all, you are not coming to the U.S.," he wrote.

"If you don't marry come over as I should like to see you. I had a wonderful time last summer with you. It is a bright memory of my life," Kennedy wrote. "I am anxious to see you. Is it not strange after all these months? Perhaps at first it shall be a little difficult as

we shall be strangers—but not strangers—and I am sure it will all work and I shall think that though it is a long way to Gunilla—it is worth it."

"This is the only Kennedy letter that we have offered that displays open affection to another woman while he was married," the auction house said in a statement.

In her memoir, von Post recounted Kennedy's efforts to end his marriage to Bouvier and bring her to the U.S. In the end, the future president's hopes of doing that were thwarted by his authoritarian father, Joseph P. Kennedy; JFK's own political ambitions; and the future first lady's 1955 miscarriage and 1956 pregnancy.

Meghan wins remainder of copyright claim against UK tabloid

LONDON (AP)—Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, on Wednesday won her remaining copyright claim against a British tabloid publisher over the publication of a personal letter she wrote to her estranged father.

Meghan, 39, had already won most of her claim for misuse of private information and

In February, a High Court

judge ruled in her favor, saying the publishing of large parts of the handwritten letter was "manifestly excessive" and unlawful. The judge granted the duchess's request for a summary judgment to settle the case, meaning she won that part of the case without having to go to trial.

But the court still had to de-

cide whether Meghan was the "sole author" and copyright holder of the letter.

On Wednesday, the judge sided with Meghan's lawyers regarding the remaining parts of their copyright claim, after lawyers representing Queen Elizabeth II refuted the defense's claims that the letter's copyright belonged to the Crown.

Comic strip artists band together for a silly and good cause

NEW YORK (AP)—Fans of newspaper comics will instantly notice something missing in many of the strips this Friday—pants.



This image released by Kings Features shows a frame from the Dennis The Menace comic strip promoting No Pants Day.

of a laugh," said Tea Fougner, comics editor at King Features Syndicate. "Just the idea of No Pants Day, I think, is something that everybody can feel a little bit closer to this year than in previous years."

No Pants Day, held on the first Friday in May, is believed to have been started by a group of students at the University of Texas who thought leaving the pants at home on the first Friday in May would be a fun way to end the semester. A winter spin-off was created called No Pants Subway Ride.

Comics creators have noticed that the COVID-19 pandemic has effected people's

ability to get clothing and charities have not gotten as many donations as typical.

In a gracious move among comic strip distributors, King Features reached out to fellow syndicators Tribune Content Agency, Andrews McMeel Universal and Washington Post Writers Group to pull off Friday's event.

"We may be business competitors, but we're all part of the same family," said Fougner. "We all love comics and we love our communities. And, at the end of the day, that's really what cartooning is about. So we want as many cartoonists as possible to take part in initiatives like this."

Half-sister obsesses over newfound brother

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, my husband, "Lee," met his long-lost sister, his father's daughter from a previous marriage. Lee's father passed away when he was 6; he is now 30.

Since he and his four siblings met their half-sister, she has become obsessive over him. She calls and keeps him on the phone for hours, three or four times a week. I didn't mind at first, but it has gotten out of control, and she constantly texts him.

If Lee doesn't respond, she texts him asking if he's angry. She expresses how "in love" she is with him and how happy she is to have met him. (She doesn't say these things to the others.) When I recently expressed my concern, he got offended.

How should I cope with this? She also says unflattering things about me to him and tries to turn him against me. I know, because I heard the whole conversation.

PUT OFF IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR PUT OFF: Your husband may be flattered by the attention he's receiving from this newfound sibling, but I agree that what she's doing seems excessive. Your husband, however, is playing into it by being receptive and constantly available for these extended conversations and texts.

While you can't control who he talks to, you can express that you feel her behavior is out of line, you are concerned

DEAR ABBY: I am attending my hubby's 50th class reunion, where I will not know a soul. Can you give me suggestions on topics to talk about? We grew up in different areas of the country. We live on a small farm in the countryside and have kids and grandkids. Thank you.

PREPPING FOR A GOOD TIME

DEAR PREPPING: Go and enjoy yourself. Don't be nervous. Bring pictures of your farm, your children and the grandkids. View photos of your husband's classmates' families and say something complimentary. ("Aren't they adorable?") Ask what your husband was like when he was their classmate. People love to talk, so be a good listener. Discuss things that interest you and inquire about their interests and activities. The only topics to avoid are religion and politics.

DEAR ABBY: At 67, I'm an attractive woman. I always have been, but I have been out of the dating scene for several years. Now two men are interested in me.

One is someone I know from work. I have known him a year. He told me he always had a crush but was afraid to make a move. The second guy is someone I just met on a dating

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site. I haven't had a problem like this for 20 years! What to do?

DILEMMA IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR DILEMMA: You don't have to make an immediate choice. Keep things casual and get to know them both better, assuming you haven't had a personal relationship with your co-worker. Take your time, let the relationships evolve. The answers will become apparent, and you won't have to ask me what (if anything) to do.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two books: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$16 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbook Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Bucks withstand Westbrook's triple-double to beat Wizards



MILWAUKEE (AP)—Jrue Holiday scored 29 points and the Milwaukee Bucks withstood a triple-double from Russell Westbrook to beat the Washington Wizards 135-134 on Wednesday night.

Westbrook had 29 points, 17 assists and 12 rebounds for his 179th career triple-double, but the Wizards still lost for just the fourth time in their last 17 games. He's just two shy of Oscar Robertson's NBA record of 181 career triple-doubles.

Westbrook has a league-leading 33 triple-doubles this season, including five in his last six games. The only time Westbrook missed out on a triple-double during this six-game stretch came Saturday when he had 42 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists in a 125-124 loss to Dallas.

Bradley Beal scored 42 points and hit a 3-pointer that cut Milwaukee's lead to 135-134 with 5.3 seconds left. Westbrook got a steal in the final second, but Garrison Mathews' desperation shot from over 50 feet away didn't connect.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 23 points for the Bucks before fouling out with 1:54 left. Donte DiVincenzo had 19.

Jazz 126, Spurs 94

In Salt Lake City, Jordan Clarkson scored 30 points, Bojan Bogdanovic added 24 and Utah routed San Antonio.

With Atlanta's 135-103 victory over Phoenix, the Jazz reclaimed the No. 1 spot in the NBA and Western Conference playoff race despite the All-Star backcourt of Donovan Mitchell (ankle) and Mike Conley (hamstring) missing another game.

Luka Samanic scored 15 points to lead the Spurs for the first time this season. They have lost five straight as they fight for the final spot in the NBA play-in tournament.

Hawks 135, Suns 103

In Atlanta, Clint Capela scored



AP Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo drives to the basket against Washington Wizards' Anthony Gill and Russell Westbrook during the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, May 5, 2021, in Milwaukee.

In Minneapolis, Ja Morant had 37 points and 10 assists and Memphis held off Minnesota.

Desmond Bane scored 22 points off the bench, including a few key 3-pointers late, and Kyle Anderson added 20 points for the Grizzlies.

Memphis overcame a big game from Timberwolves rookie Anthony Edwards, who tied his career high with 42 points. Karl-Anthony Towns scored 22 points but ran into foul trouble when he picked up his fifth foul late in the third quarter.

Trail Blazers 141, Cavaliers 105

In Cleveland, Damian Lillard had 32 points and nine assists and Enes Kanter had 18 points and 13 rebounds, leading Portland to its highest points total of the season.

Lillard scored 16 points in the first quarter and 14 points in the third as Portland moved within a half-game of the Mavericks and Lakers for fifth place in the West. The Trail Blazers are seventh and would be the top seed in the play-in tournament.

Kevin Love had 18 points for the Cavaliers. They have lost eight in a row and are 1-11 since April 15.

Kings 104, Pacers 93

Indianapolis, Marvin Bagley III kept Sacramento's slim playoff hopes alive, scoring a season-high 31 points and grabbing 12 rebounds to lead the Kings past Indiana.

Delon Wright added 23 points to help Sacramento win its fourth straight—all on the road.

Domantas Sabonis had 17 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists for Indiana.

ters and "looks great and the expectation is he starts at right tackle and he plays well."

The Broncos could turn to swing tackle Calvin Anderson, who played in 16 games last year with two starts, and they signed undrafted Illinois State prospect Drew Himmelman.

James has played just 63 snaps since signing a four-year, \$51 million free agent contract in 2019 that made him the highest-paid right tackle in league history at the time.

James was limited to parts of three games that year because of a knee injury and he opted out of the 2020 season because of the coronavirus.



ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—The NFL is reminding teams following Ja'Wuan James'

potentially season-ending Achilles injury that they're not obligated to pay salaries of players who get hurt away from team facilities.

The memo sent to all 32 teams Wednesday and obtained by The Associated Press was spurred by James' injury he sustained while working out at a private gym away from Broncos headquarters on Tuesday.

The league encouraged teams to "remind players of

NFL reminds teams are off the hook if injury occurs off-site

the significant injury-related protection provided if they choose to work out at the club facility and the risks they undertake in choosing to train in non-NFL locations."

Players are protected against lost wages if they sustain an injury at a team's facility. They don't have the same protection if they're injured working out anywhere else.

Players from 20 teams, including the Broncos, are boycotting voluntary offseason workouts at team facilities over COVID-19 concerns. The NFL said in the memo

that several teams had raised the issue of compensation after James, the Broncos' starting right tackle, got hurt.

The league said the Broncos are off the hook for James' \$10 million salary for 2021, which would have been fully guaranteed had he gotten hurt while working out at the team's facilities.

"Injuries sustained while a player is working out 'on his own' in a location other than an NFL facility are considered 'Non-Football Injuries' and are outside the scope of a typical skill, injury and cap guarantee," the memo said.

"Such injuries are also not covered by the protections found in paragraph 9 of the NFL Player Contract, meaning that clubs have no contractual obligation to provide salary continuation during the year in which the injury was sustained."

"By contrast," the memo added, "injuries sustained by a player while working out at a club facility or as specifically authorized by his club are considered 'Football-Related Injuries.' Under our agreement with the NFL Players Association, players that sustain 'Football Related Injuries' are entitled to significant protections."

Those protections include salary payment, medical care, pension credit if the injury sidelines a player for three regular-season games and other benefits.

James had been working out at team headquarters earlier this offseason before honoring the players' union wishes to stay away during voluntary offseason workouts.

The Broncos did not draft a tackle last weekend after general manager George Paton explained James had been working out at team headquar-

John Means throws no-hitter, Orioles beat Mariners, 6-0

 SEATTLE
(AP)—John Means threw the major leagues' third no-hitter this season and came within a wild pitch on a third strike of a perfect game, pitching the Baltimore Orioles over the Seattle Mariners 6-0 on Wednesday.

Means (4-0) struck out 12. Seattle's Sam Haggerty raced to first after he struck out swinging on a curveball in the dirt on a 1-2 count with one outs in the third inning that bounced away from catcher Pedro Severino.

Haggerty wasn't on base long, getting thrown out attempting to steal second.

Means threw 79 strikes among 113 pitches, including first-pitch strikes to 26 of 27 batters. When Seattle did make contact against the 28-year-old left-hander, it was weak and there were no threats to fall in for a hit.

Means lowered his ERA to 1.37 and became the first individual Orioles pitcher to toss a no-hitter since Jim Palmer against Oakland on Aug. 13, 1969. It was the 10th no-hitter in franchise history — six in Baltimore after four as the St. Louis Browns.

Means joined a no-hit club that includes gems by San Diego right-hander Joe Musgrove at Texas on April 9 and by Chicago White Sox left-hander Carlos Rodón against Cleveland on April 14. In addition, Arizona left-hander Madison Bumgarner pitched a seven-inning no-hitter against Atlanta on April 25, but that is not recognized as an official no-hitter because the game did not go at least nine innings, shortened under pandemic rules in effect for a second straight season.

Baltimore's previous no-hitter came on July 13, 1991, when Bob Milacki, Mike Flanagan, Mark Williamson and Gregg Olson combined for a 2-0 victory at Oakland.

Means had plenty of offensive support. D.J. Stewart and Ramón Urias both had RBI singles against Yusei Kikuchi in the third inning. Pat Valaika hit a solo home run off Kikuchi (1-2) in the sixth and Trey Mancini provided a three-run shot off reliever Aaron Fletcher in the eighth inning.

Reds 1, White Sox 0, 10 innngs

In Cincinnati, Cincinnati's Joey Votto fractured his left thumb in the Reds' victory over Chicago.

Votto was hit by Dallas Keuchel's pitch in the fourth inning. Votto remained in the game, but in the sixth was replaced at first base by Kyle Farmer. Votto is not expected to need surgery, but could miss up to a month.



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Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher John Means, right, hugs catcher Pedro Severino after Means threw a no-hitter in the team's baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Wednesday, May 5, 2021, in Seattle.

Blue Jays 9, Athletics 4

In Oakland, Calif., Teoscar Hernández hit a tiebreaking RBI single during Toronto's five-run eighth inning, and the Blue Jays beat Oakland.

Hernández also had an earlier run-scoring single before coming through against Lou Trivino (1-1), who was tagged for five earned runs after allowing a total of three in his first 15 appearances this year.

Ramón Laureano and Matt Chapman homered for Oakland, and Sean Murphy had two hits and two RBIs.

The A's (19-13) are still tied for the best winning percentage in the majors after beginning the season 0-6.

Cardinals 4, Mets 1, 1st game

Mets 7, Cardinals 2, 2nd game
In St. Louis, Tomás Nido hit a two-run homer and Jonathan Villar added a solo shot and an RBI single, powering New York over St. Louis for a doubleheader split.

The loss ended a six-game winning streak for the NL Central-leading Cardinals (19-13).

St. Louis won the opener 4-1 as Paul DeJong hit a two-run homer and Paul Goldschmidt had a solo homer off Marcus Stroman (3-3). Kwang Hyun Kim pitched four innings, combining with Ryan Hemsley (3-0), Giovanny Gallegos and Alex Reyes (ninth save in nine chances) on a two-hitter. While the Mets received uplifting news earlier in the day when manager Luis Rojas said ace Jacob deGrom could return to the rotation on Sunday, skidding New York did little at the plate in its first game after hitting coach Chili Davis was fired and replaced by Hugh Quattbaum.

Chicago's Matt Duffy tied it when he drove in Willson Contreras with a two-out single against Garrett Cleavinger (0-3). Duffy stole third and pinch-hitter Tony Wolters walked before Rizzo singled on a sharp grounder to left.

He was mobbed by teammates as he ran off the field following the Cubs' second game-ending hit in as many days. David Bote hit a winning single in the ninth the previous day in the nightcap of a doubleheader.

Braves 5, Nationals 3

In Washington, Marcell Ozuna hit Atlanta's third grand slam in four games, Max Fried pitched

five strong innings in his return from the injured list and the Braves beat Washington.

Fried (1-1) allowed one run and four hits, struck out six and walked one, lowering his ERA from 11.45 to 8.44. He had been sidelined since April 14 with a strained right hamstring.

Rookie William Contreras hit his first career homer for the Braves in his third start, replacing the injured Travis d'Arnaud at catcher.

Rockies 6, Giants 5

In Denver, Jon Gray tossed six strong innings and helped himself with an RBI single in Colorado's victory over San Francisco.

Gray (4-2) allowed two runs and four hits. The right-hander struck out eight and walked two while improving to 4-0 in five home starts. Daniel Bard worked a shaky ninth for his third save.

Brandon Crawford continued his hot hitting against the Rockies with a two-run homer in the second inning. Crawford is 10 for 23 with four homers, six walks and 10 RBIs in eight games against Colorado this season.

Phillies 5, Brewers 4

In Philadelphia, Didi Gregorius hit his eighth career grand slam and Philadelphia beat Milwaukee for its third straight victory.

The Phillies won three straight games for the first time since opening 4-0.

Enyel De Los Santos left two runners stranded to end the eighth. José Alvarado returned from a two-game suspension for triggering a bench-clearing incident and worked a scoreless ninth for his second save.

Brandon Kintzler (2-1) tossed 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the win.

Rays 3, Angels 1

In Anaheim, Calif., Brandon Lowe hit a three-run homer

and Tampa Bay overcame five scoreless innings from Los Angeles' Shohei Ohtani to beat the Angels.

Lowe went deep to center off Junior Guerra (2-1) in the seventh after Brett Phillips led off the inning with a walk and Willy Adames flared a single to left.

Ryan Yarbrough (2-3) allowed one run on five hits in four-plus innings to help the Rays win their fourth straight. The Angels have dropped four straight and 10 of their last 14.

Tigers 6, Red Sox 5, 10 innnings

In Boston, Jeimer Candelario hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the 10th inning, and Detroit held off Boston.

Robbie Grossman began the Detroit 10th on second and advanced to third on Jonathan Schoop's leadoff single. Candelario then went deep against Garrett Whitlock (0-1), sending a drive to right for his third homer.

Boston got two back in the bottom half. Marwin Gonzalez singled in Xander Bogaerts and eventually came around to score on an error on second baseman Willi Castro. But Michael Fulmer retired Bobby Dalbec and Kiké Hernández for his first career save.

Gregory Soto (2-1) pitched 1 1/3 innings for the win, allowing two runs and three hits.

Marlins 8, Diamondbacks 0

In Miami, Adam Duvall hit his fifth home run and finished with four RBIs, Miguel Rojas scored three times and five Miami pitchers scattered five hits to lead the Marlins over Arizona.

Duvall connected for a three-run homer in a four-run second off Luke Weaver (1-3), Duvall's first home run in 19 games.

Rojas was 2 for 3 and drove

in two runs for Miami, which remained under .500 at 13-16 but is the only team in the NL East to have outscored opponents. Of the Marlins' plus-18 differential, 14 was in the two games of this series, which began with 9-3 victory.

Indians 5, Royals 4

In Kansas City, Mo., Josh Naylor homered in the ninth inning, sending Cleveland past Kansas City.

Naylor greeted Wade Davis (0-1) with a leadoff drive to right for his second homer. Nick Wittgren (2-1) struck out the side in the eighth for the win, and James Karinchak worked the ninth for his third save.

Cleveland trailed 4-0 after five innings. It has rallied to win in the first three games of the four-game set.

Indians ace Shane Bieber allowed four runs, three earned, and nine hits in six innings. He struck out nine to extend his major league record to 19 straight games with at least eight.

Padres 4, Pirates 2

In San Diego, Jake Cronenworth hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the sixth inning and San Diego beat Pittsburgh.

Mark Melancon pitched the ninth for his big league-leading 11th save in 11 chances. Craig Stammen (2-1) got the final out of the sixth for the win in relief of Yu Darvish.

Cronenworth's go-ahead hit came a half inning after Darvish surrendered a two-run lead and was chased with the score tied at 2. Darvish didn't factor in the decision but struck out eight in 5 2/3 innings while allowing six hits and one walk.

Rangers 3, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Hyeon-Jong Yang made his first major league start after 14 years in the Korea Baseball Organization, getting Texas off to a strong start in a victory over Minnesota.

Yang, the former KBO MVP, struck out seven of the first nine batters he faced and eight overall in 3 1/3 innings. Making a spot start after two relief appearances earlier this season, Yang gave up four hits.

John King (3-1) picked up the win in relief of Yang, giving up just two hits in 2 2/3 innings. Ian Kennedy notched his ninth save.

Lewis Thorpe (0-1) took the loss.

Mita tops inaugural 'Star Wars' 5K run

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Michiteru Mita topped the inaugural May the 4th be With You, CNMI Race 5K run without a costume portion last Sunday morning at the American Memorial Park.

During the run, which was organized by Run Saipan in coordination with Northern Marianas Athletics, Mita conquered over 40 runners, submitting a time of 22:06.

Closely following Mita was inaugural Women's Run champ Lily Muldoon who came in just a few seconds

later at 22:17. Joining the Top 3 was Marques Dame who finished in 24:17.

Mita, Northern Mariana Islands Football Association's technical director and CNMI Men's National team coach, said he did not expect to take the win since he wasn't at the lead in the start of the race.

Mita added that he only started to pick up the pace when he got to Smiling Cove Marina which is about halfway through the course.

However, Mita proved that slow and steady wins the race after finding his pace alongside runner-up Muldoon.



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lowed it up with goals back to back in the 34th minute and in the 55th minute.

Paire 4, Old B Bank 1

Paire won the match against the Old B Bank behind Logan Mister's two goals with help from Eric Barajas and Jireh Yobech who made one goal apiece.

Barajas took the lead for Paire in the 16th minute and Yobech widened the gap in the

60th minute. Mister landed his first goal in the 64th minute before landing his second in the 80th.

MP United 3, NMI U18 B 2

MP United's Sunjoon Tenorio carried the team with his two goals with contribution from Joshua Abragan who added one.

Abragan landed the first goal in the 6th minute and Tenorio followed up with another in the 16th minute.

NMI U18 B's Ezekiel Canape landed a goal for his team

in the 46th minute but Tenorio made their win possible in the 67th minute.

In a last-ditch effort to turn the tables, NMI U18 B's Anthony Bergancia landed a goal in the 73rd minute but it was not enough.

DIVISION B Women's National Team 2, Shirley's FC 1

WNT's Jannah Casarino led the way in the 40th minute but Shirley's Dhiraj Chhetri brought the game to a draw in the 54th minute, 1-1.

Katrina Costales broke the tie in the 85th minute landing the final goal for the game.

Saipan United 5, Island Star 1

Saipan United's Ichiro "T.J." Borja showed the way with his four goals with help from Saixian Babsic who made one goal.

Borja made his first three goals in the first 52 minutes of the match followed by a goal from Babsic in the 53rd minute. Borja managed to squeeze in one final goal in the 72nd minute.

Pacific, Triple J, Tinian Care Club, and Fishing Tackle were *Bar O Fan* (wahoo category), *Victoria* (yellowfin category), *Victoria Lei* (bonito category), and *Roil Soil 2* (most variety).

Finishing second and third in the billfish category were *Bandits* (captained by Masaki Kitami with crewmembers Austin Benavente and Joey Tudela) and *Sesa* (captained by Steve Reyes with crewmembers Kevin Diaz and Mark Reyes) with catches of 43.5 lbs and 25.5 lbs, respectively.

Bar O Fan topped the wahoo category after captain Chris Pangelinan and crewmembers J.D. Tenorio, Maggie Pangelinan, and Alfred Muna landed a 25.5-lb wahoo. *Roil Soil 2* of captain Ken Sa-

las and deckhands Alex Benavente, Tom Benavente, Haram Lee, Christine Kim, and Sakura Imaya finished second with a 23.5-lb fish. Coming in third was *Bella* of captain Perry B. Inos and crewmembers Dixie I. Camacho and Ana Maria Inos with their 19.5-lb wahoo.

Former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente's *Victoria* was without peer in the yellowfin division after he and his crewmembers, Vicky Benavente and Scott Shular, caught 25.5-lb tuna. *St. Christopher*'s skipper Juan Barcina and crewmembers Frank Diaz and Christian Barcina came in second with an 8.5-pounder, while *Roil Soil 2* was third with their 6.5-lb tuna.

Victoria Lei topped the bo-

nito (skipjack) category with an 8.5-lb catch, followed by *Keilani Ko* and *Lorraine* who both tied with 8-lb botinos each. *Victoria Lei* was skippered by Wayne Villagomez with Ray Dela Cruz and Alex Sandbergen as crew. Frank Reyes captained co-

second place *Keilani Ko* and had a crew made up of Brian Reyes, Patrick Quitugua, and Dwayne Muñoz. *Lorraine* was led by captain Cecilio Raiukilip with crewmembers Pete Dela Cruz and Paul Roberto.

Kat-sika of captain Jesse Sablan and Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) was the lone entry in the mahi category and won the division by default.

First place in all categories took home \$1,000 each, while second place netted \$800, with third-placers pocketing \$500. For finishing second in the wahoo and third in the yellowfin categories, *Roil Soil 2* won the most variety category and received a Penn 80 VISW reel-and-rod combo worth \$1,400.

Roil Soil's captain said they didn't expect to win the most variety category and were just trying to have fun at the San Jose Fiesta. "We just went out with family and tried our luck. We hit Goat Island, north of Tinian and Marpi reef and got our prized catch there."

The 30-year-old Salas said he's only been fishing seriously the past two years and thanked his crew and all the sponsors of the 2021 San Jose Fiesta Fishing Derby.

"I did not expect to win the run but Lily led me at beginning so I could run with very good pace," he said.

In terms of the event, Mita said he enjoyed the event and the different Star Wars costumes that he saw.

"It was fun and friendly event. Also I enjoyed the run while seeing different costume runner. I just want to thank the organizers holding the fun event I enjoyed a lot," Mita said.

In an interview with Edward DelaCruz, one of the event organizers, he said that Mount Carmel School's Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Saipan International School's Ron Snyder, and himself have been discussing a Star Wars event for quite some time and they were finally able to pull one off.

"We've always been wanting to do a big Star Wars event, me Galvin Deleon Guerrero, and Ron Snyder. Dr. Snyder

came to us in December about an event for May the 4th weekend and we were happy to get it through especially

through running. It promotes healthy living for the community, they also get to celebrate Star Wars, and I really believe this is the first Star Wars run in the CNMI," he said.

DelaCruz added that Run Saipan and NMA will definitely do the event again next year, with the hopes of making it an annual event.

Snyder said his thought process was "Kids love Star Wars, May the 4th weekend was coming up, so we decided to put the run into place."

Aside from the actual race, the May the 4th be With You virtual race is still on until Sunday, May 9. To register, go to <https://www.raceentry.com/may-the-4th-be-with-you-cnmi/race-information?fbclid=IWAR0ZFEt4rNwu9oynxkzA-QnsuZOYP-TvV6TB dMaeQ-g3rEtDvBv3aRiouZWg>.

pionships are Barbara Wang, Suki Peng, Aubrey White, Faith Arriola, and Eliza Culp.

For the 1,500m event, advancing to the championships in the boys category are Moshe Sikkel, Danny Cheng, Akeen Edvalson, Finn Altizer, Landon Pudney, Taiga Scoggins, Reyviel Escarlan, and Chris Sablan.

In the girls category of the same event, the qualifiers are Barbara Wang, Suki Peng, and Faith Arriola.

Facing off in the boys long jump event are Danny Cheng, Aiden Camacho, Akeen Edvalson, Landon Pudney, SDA's Taiga Scoggins, WSR's Chris Sablan, and Patrick McDonald from Saipan Community School.

For the girls category of the 100m event, the qualifiers were Paulani DelaCruz, Terecin Reyes, Aubrey White of SIS, Faith Arriola, Page Blanco, and Alice Moon.

Moving to the 200m championships for the boys 12U are Moshe Sikkel of BSS, Landon Pudney, Ioane Camacho, and Jonathan Vargas of WSR. The 12U girls qualifiers for the same event include Aubrey White, Page Blanco, Faith Arriola, Paulani DelaCruz, Terecin Reyes, and Aimaan Mustansar of KES.

The 400m boy qualifiers are Moshe Sikkel, Danny Cheng from Agape, Finn Altizer of SIS, Landon Pudney, Akeen Edvalson, and Patrick McDonald. The girls 400m qualifiers are Agape's Barbara Wang, Suki Peng of SIS, Paulani DelaCruz, Terecin Reyes, Aubrey White, and Faith Arriola.

The 800m boys qualifiers include Moshe Sikkel, Danny Cheng, Akeen Edvalson, Finn Altizer, Landon Pudney, Taiga Scoggins, Reyviel Escarlan, and Chris Sablan. The girls 800m qualifiers are Agape's Barbara Wang, Faith Arriola, Terecin Reyes, Aubrey White, Suki Peng, Georgia Baetge from IMS, Eliza Culp, Anya Lewis, Lailani Igisomar, Chalanag Indirha and Reanni Sablan from OES, and Aires Jo Magofna from WSR.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Roil Soil 2 captain Ken Salas and deckhands Alex Benavente, Tom Benavente, Haram Lee, Christine Kim, and Sakura Imaya pose with Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan after winning the most variety category of last weekend's 2021 San Jose Fiesta Fishing Derby.



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Bunita reels in monster marlin

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Bunita topped the billfish category in last weekend's 2021 San Jose Fiesta Fishing Derby after reeling in a 471-lb monster marlin that was so massive organizers had to bring in a boom truck to transfer it from boat to land.

The boat was captained by Mike Fleming Sr. and had Rubin Garde and Mike Fleming Jr. serving as crew. Not only did they win the tournament's showcase category but they also won the hearts of San Jose after they donated their prized catch to the San Jose



Parish.

Mike Sr., who has been fishing around the Marianas' waters the past 40 years, said it took them a good two hours to land the nearly 11-foot blue marlin. He said the fish put up a good fight and

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The Mike Fleming Sr.-captained *Bunita* won the billfish category with a 471-lb monster marlin in last weekend's 2021 San Jose Fiesta Fishing Derby after initially trying to catch wahoo in the waters around Goat Island.

PSS names 12U top qualifiers

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The Public School System has named the top qualifiers who will compete in the 12U division of the 2021 PSS-McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championship this weekend. The Top 6 division qualifiers will move on to compete in the track and field championship that will start on May 7 and will carry on until May 8.



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TanHoldings remains team to beat

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Tan Holdings Football Club remains No. 1 in the overall standings and is still the team to beat in Division A of the M-League Spring 2021 held at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

After taking a 3-2 victory over Kanoa FC last Sunday, TanHoldings has bumped its win-loss record for the season up to 8-0 with one draw.

TanHoldings has won eight of its nine games but isn't the only team to remain unbeaten with TanHoldings' runner-up, NMI Boys U18 National Team A, also unbeaten with a win-loss record of 5-0 with four draws.

However, TanHoldings still has five games to play before gaining the outright finals

birth and automatically gaining a seat in the finals.

During the match last Sunday, a collaborative effort between Michiteru Mita, Mark

Esalan, and Tomas Abel carried TanHoldings to victory.

Mita landed the first goal in the 20th minute to bring TanHoldings to the lead followed



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
A TanHoldings player intercepts the ball from a Kanoa player during their match of Division A of the M-League Spring 2021 held at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Sunday.

by a goal in the 30th minute from Esalan and Abel in the 38th minute.

However, Kanoa nearly caught up to TanHoldings behind Ian Maniago and Sebastian Manabat who landed goals back to back in the 50th and 57th minute. Unfortunately, their efforts fell short and they were unable to outplay TanHoldings.

DIVISION A NMI U18 A 3, The One O

In the match pitting the NMI Boys U18 National Team A against The One, NMI U18 A's Akira Kadokura led the way his 2 goals with help from Reginald Pascual who landed one goal.

NMI U18 A took the lead in the first minute with a goal from Pascual. Kadokura fol-

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